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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RULES—DIRECTORY  
OF  
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AND  
HOUSE OFFICERS

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# **RULES AND DIRECTORY**

## **RULES AND OPERATION OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE**

Chairman: Liston B. Ramsey; Vice Chairmen: Allen Adams, David Parnell, Dwight Quinn; Members: Chris Barker, Graham Bell, Marilyn Bissell, Hartwell Campbell, Dave DeRamus, Ralph Edwards, Bobby Etheridge, Jim Ezzell, John Gamble, Fletcher Harris, Parks Helms, Charlie Holt, Vernon James, Roberts Jernigan, Tim McDowell, Bill McMillan, Horton Rountree, Neal Smith, Roy Spoon, Ben Tison and Richard Wright.

Assignment of offices to members of the General Assembly by the Rules and Operation of the House Committee, Resolution No. 7 of 1963 Session Laws, Double offices shall be assigned to committee chairmen on the basis of the anticipated work of such committee and not on the basis of occupancy during the preceding session.

# MEMBERS OF THE 1979 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ARRANGED BY DISTRICT  
(Democrats Unless Underlined)

- 1st (2) — Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare  
EVANS, Pasquotank, JAMES, Tyrrell and  
Washington
- 2nd (1) — Beaufort CHAPIN and Hyde
- 3rd (3) — Craven BARKER and BRIGHT, Jones,  
Lenoir LILLEY and Pamlico
- 4th (3) — Carteret FULCHER, and Onslow BRUCE  
ETHRIDGE and GUY
- 5th (2) — Bertie, Gates, Hertford JERNIGAN and  
Northampton REVELLE
- 6th (2) — Halifax HUX and Martin CULLIPHER
- 7th (4) — Edgecombe, Nash BARBEE, BONE and  
EZZELL and Wilson CAMPBELL
- 8th (2) — Greene and Pitt BUNDY and ROUN-  
TREE
- 9th (2) — Wayne GRADY and LANCASTER
- 10th (1) — Duplin D. CLARK
- 11th (1) — Brunswick RABON and Pender
- 12th (2) — New Hanover MERRITT and RHODES
- 13th (3) — Caswell, Granville WATKINS, Person,  
Vance CHURCH and ELLIS and Warren
- 14th (2) — Franklin HOBGOOD and Johnston B.  
WOODARD
- 15th (6) — Wake ADAMS, COOK, FUSSELL, HOL-  
ROYD, JOHNSON and W. WOODARD
- 16th (3) — Durham MILLER, PULLEY and SPAULD-  
ING
- 17th (2) — Chatham HOLMES and Orange P. HUNT
- 18th (2) — Harnett BOBBY ETHERIDGE and Lee  
HARRIS
- 19th (3) — Bladen NYE and TAYLOR, Columbus  
WRIGHT and Sampson

- 20th (5) — Cumberland BEARD, W. CLARK, C. HOLT, TALLY and TYSON
- 21st (3) — Hoke, Robeson DAVIS, LOCKLEAR and PARNELL and Scotland
- 22nd (4) — Alamance B. HOLT, JORDAN and McDOWELL, Rockingham McALISTER
- 23rd (7) — Guilford COBLE, EDWARDS, FRYE, HAWORTH, KEESEE, MORGAN and SEYMOUR
- 24th (2) — Randolph BRUBAKER and REDDING
- 25th (1) — Moore AUMAN
- 26th (1) — Anson HIGHTOWER and Montgomery
- 27th (1) — Richmond COVINGTON
- 28th (3) — Alleghany COLLINS, Ashe, Stokes GENTRY, Surry DIAMONT and Watauga
- 29th (5) — Forsyth BARNES, DeRAMUS, KAPLAN, PEGG, and TENNILLE
- 30th (3) — Davidson LAMBETH and VARNER and Davie KEMP
- 31st (2) — Rowan NASH and SMITH
- 32nd (1) — Stanly CARTER
- 33rd (3) — Cabarrus QUINN, THOMAS and Union PLYLER
- 34th (3) — Caldwell WHITE, Wilkes BROWN and Yadkin G. HOLMES
- 35th (2) — Alexander and Iredell HUSKINS and McMILLAN
- 36th (8) — Mecklenburg BISSELL, BRENNAN, EASTERLING, ECONOMOS, FOSTER, HELMS, SPOON and TISON
- 37th (2) — Catawba POOVEY and RULLMAN
- 38th (4) — Gaston BELL, BUMGARDNER and STEWART and Lincoln GAMBLE
- 39th (2) — Avery LACEY, Burke and Mitchell PHILIPS

- 40th (3) — Cleveland FALLS, J. HUNT and LUTZ,  
Polk and Rutherford
- 41st (1) — McDowell MORRIS and Yancey
- 42nd (1) — Henderson LEDFORD
- 43rd (4) — Buncombe CLARKE, COLTON, GREEN-  
WOOD and NESBITT and Transylvania
- 44th (2) — Haywood MESSER, Jackson, Madison  
RAMSEY and Swain
- 45th (1) — Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Macon  
ENLOE

**STANDING COMMITTEES**  
**OF THE 1979**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**AGING**

*Chairman*, Messer; *Vice Chairmen*, Economos, Miller, Thomas; Barnes, Bundy, Foster, Fussell, Greenwood, Hux, Jordan, Nye

**AGRICULTURE**

*Chairman*, James, *Vice Chairmen*, Gentry, Lutz, Parnell, Taylor, Tyson, H.; Auman, Brown, Clark, D., Collins, Ellis, Enloe, Falls, Grady, Hightower, Hunt, J., Hux, Lacey, Locklear, McAlister, Nye, Plyler, Revelle, Woodard, B., Chapin, Jordan.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL**

*Chairman*, Morgan, *Vice Chairmen*, Barbee, Holt, B., Tyson, H.; Barnes, Beard, Bone, Holroyd, Kaplan, Lilley, Spoon, Tison, B.

**APPROPRIATIONS**

*Chairman*, Holmes, E., *Vice Chairmen*, Auman, Bell, Campbell, Tison, B.; Adams, Beard, Brennan, Brubaker, Bumgardner, Chapin, Church, Clarke, J., Cook, Cullipher, Diamont, Easterling, Enloe, Evans, Ezzell, Foster, Frye, Fulcher, Grady, Greenwood, Haworth, Holroyd, Holt, B., Hunt, P., Huskins, James, Jernigan, Johnson, Kaplan, Keesee, Kemp, Lacey, Lambeth, Lancaster, Ledford, Lutz, McDowell, Messer, Nash, Nye, Parnell, Pegg, Plyler, Pulley, Quinn, Rabon, Rountree, Seymour, Smith, Spoon, Tally, Taylor, Thomas, Varner, Woodard, B., Wright.

**APPROPRIATIONS ON EDUCATION**

*Chairman*, Campbell, *Vice Chairmen*, Chapin, Foster, Greenwood; Evans, Fulcher, Holroyd,



Hunt, P., Huskins, Keesee, Quinn, Rabon, Tally, Wright.

## **APPROPRIATIONS ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPORTATION**

*Chairman, Bell, Vice Chairmen, Jernigan, Nye, Plyler; Brennan, Bumgardner, Cook, Haworth, Holt, B., Lambeth, Lancaster, Pulley, Seymour, Spoon.*

## **APPROPRIATIONS ON HUMAN RESOURCES AND CORRECTIONS**

*Chairman, Auman, Vice Chairmen, James, Johnson, Lutz; Adams, Cullipher, Ezzell, Kemp, Ledford, Messer, Nash, Varner, Woodard, B.*

## **BASE BUDGET**

*Chairman, Tison, B., Vice Chairmen, Church, Diamond, Smith; Beard, Brubaker, Clarke, J., Easterling, Enloe, Frye, Grady, Kaplan, Lacey, McDowell, Parnell, Pegg, Rountree, Taylor, Thomas.*

## **BASE BUDGET COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

*Chairman, Church; Kaplan, McDowell, Pegg, Rountree, Taylor.*

## **BASE BUDGET COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPORTATION**

*Chairman, Smith; Easterling, Enloe, Grady, Lacey, Parnell.*

## **BASE BUDGET COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES AND CORRECTIONS**

*Chairman, Diamont; Beard, Brubaker, Clarke, J., Frye, Thomas.*

## **BANKS AND THRIFT INSTITUTIONS**

*Chairman, Holt, C., Vice Chairmen, Ezzell, Cook; Adams, Barnes, Bell, Bright, Brubaker, Clark, W.,*



Coble, Collins, Covington, Edwards, Helms, Hobgood, Hunt, P., Johnson, McMillan, Morgan, Morris, Phillips, Pulley, Rountree, Redding, Tennille.

### **COMMERCIAL FISHING**

*Chairman, Bright, Vice Chairmen, Chapin, Cullipher; Ethridge, Bruce, Evans, Fulcher, Guy, James, Merritt, Rabon, Rhodes, Rountree.*

### **COMMISSIONS AND INSTITUTIONS FOR BLIND AND DEAF**

*Chairman, Cook, Vice Chairmen, Auman, Hunt, J., Nash; Carter, Edwards, Foster, Fussell, Lambeth, Nesbitt, Rullman.*

### **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

*Chairman, DeRamus, Vice Chairmen, Brennan, Frye; Campbell, Gamble, Haworth, Helms, Holmes, G., Holroyd, Holt, B., Hunt, P., Jordan, Kaplan, Lancaster, McDowell, Redding, Spaulding, Tally, Watkins.*

### **CORPORATIONS**

*Chairman, Harris, Vice Chairmen, Covington, Jordan, Morris; Auman, Carter, Ellis, Hobgood, Holmes, E., Lambeth, Locklear, Lutz, Watkins.*

### **CORRECTIONS**

*Chairman, Plyler, Vice Chairmen, Haworth, Hightower, Woodard, W.; Auman, Beard, Bissell, Brennan, Clark, W., Cook, Davis, Diamont, Ezzell, Holmes, E., Keesee, Lutz, Spoon, Varner.*

### **COURTS AND JUDICIAL DISTRICTS**

*Chairman, McMillan, Vice Chairmen, Hux, Helms, Watkins; Clark, W., DeRamus, Evans, Ezzell, Frye, Haworth, Johnson, Ramsey, Rountree, Spaulding, Tally, Wright.*

## **ECONOMY**

*Chairman, Nye, Vice Chairman, Holmes, E.; Barbee, Church, Coble, Colton, Easterling, Ellis, Frye, Fussell, Greenwood, Hightower, Jernigan, Messer, Redding.*

## **EDUCATION**

*Chairman, Tennille, Vice Chairmen, Bundy, Beard, Fulcher, White; Barker, Bell, Campbell, Chapin, Clark, D., Cullipher, Economos, Enloe, Foster, Fussell, Haworth, Holroyd, Keesee, Lancaster, Ledford, Merritt, Nesbitt, Pegg, Quinn.*

## **ELECTION LAWS**

*Chairman, Ezzell, Vice Chairmen, Bell, Chapin, Diamond; Brubaker, Bundy, Clark, D., Covington, Davis, Gentry, Holmes, G., Jordan, McAlister, Ramsey, Redding, Spaulding, Watkins.*

## **EMPLOYMENT SECURITY**

*Chairman, Enloe, Vice Chairmen, Church, Morris, Varner; Barnes, Coble, Ellis, Gentry, Nash, Quinn, Rhodes.*

## **FINANCE**

*Chairman, Gamble, Vice Chairmen, Barbee, Ellis, Revelle, Tennille; Barker, Barnes, Bissell, Bone, Bright, Brown, Bundy, Carter, Clark, D., Clark, W., Coble, Collins, Colton, Covington, Davis, DeRamus, Economos, Edwards; Etheridge, Bob; Ethridge, Bruce; Falls, Fussell, Gentry, Guy, Harris, Helms, Hightower, Hobgood, Holmes, G., Holt, C., Hunt, J., Hux, Jordan, Lilley, Locklear, McAlister, McMillan, Merritt, Miller, Morgan, Morris, Nesbitt, Phillips, Poovey, Ramsey, Redding, Rhodes, Rountree, Rullman, Spaulding, Tyson, H., Watkins, White, Woodard, W.*

## **HEALTH**

*Chairman*, Woodard, B., *Vice Chairmen*, Davis, Gamble, Hightower; Bone, Brown, Brubaker, Carter, Colton, Grady, Hunt, P., Kemp, Plyler.

## **HIGHER EDUCATION**

*Chairman*, Tally, *Vice Chairmen*, Brennan, Harris; Church, Clark, W., Coble, Frye, Fulcher, Huskins, Jernigan, McDowell, Messer, Pegg, Pulley, Rhodes, Rountree, Smith, Thomas.

## **HIGHWAY SAFETY**

*Chairman*, Wright, *Vice Chairmen*, Lambeth, Miller, Woodard, B.; Bone, Bumgardner, Clark, D., Economos, Greenwood, Lutz, Morgan, Smith, Spoon, White

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

*Chairman*, Varner, *Vice Chairmen*, Nesbitt, Tally; Bell, Colton, Economos, Etheridge, Bob, Ethridge, Bruce, Greenwood, Holt, B., Keesee, Lutz, Nash, Phillips, Rullman, Tennille, Thomas.

## **INSURANCE**

*Chairman*, Huskins, *Vice Chairmen*, Holroyd, Messer; Barnes, Clark, W., Bissell, Campbell, Clarke, J., Falls, Gamble, Hightower, McDowell, Merritt, Miller, Nesbitt, Pulley, Revelle, Rhodes, Seymour, Thomas.

## **JUDICIARY I**

*Chairman*, Frye, *Vice Chairman*, Hux; Bissell, Clark, W., Ethridge, Bruce, Evans, Holmes, E., Holt, C., Johnson, McMillan, Pulley, Seymour.

## **JUDICIARY II**

*Chairman*, Helms, *Vice Chairmen*, DeRamus, Holt, B., Wright; Easterling, Haworth, Lancaster, Miller, Rountree, Spaulding, Tison, B., Watkins.

### **JUDICIARY III**

*Chairman*, Hunt, P., *Vice Chairmen*, Locklear, Morgan; Adams, Brennan, Coble, Davis, Ezzell, Hobgood, Tyson, H., Woodard, W., Cook.

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

*Chairman*, Clarke, J., *Vice Chairmen*, Holmes, E., McMillan; Bissell, Carter, Cullipher, Holmes, G., Holroyd, Morgan, Nash, Plyler, Redding, Spoon.

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT I**

*Chairman*, Lilley, *Vice Chairmen*, Cullipher, Seymour; Clarke, J., Davis, Etheridge, Bob, Evans, Falls, Kemp, Lacey, Ledford, McAlister, Nye, Phillips, Plyler, Rullman.

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT II**

*Chairman*, Greenwood, *Vice Chairmen*, Collins, Easterling, Grady; Barbee, Church, Colton, Keesee, Parnell, Pegg, Spaulding, Tennille, White, Woodard, W., Wright, Tyson, H.

### **MANUFACTURERS AND LABOR**

*Chairman*, Johnson, *Vice Chairmen*, Easterling, Taylor; Bone, Brubaker, Collins, Diamont, Guy, Jordan, Lacey, Ledford, Morris, Pegg, Plyler, Quinn, White.

### **MENTAL HEALTH**

*Chairman*, Barker, *Vice Chairmen*, Beard, Economos, Grady; Auman, Cook, Edwards, Fulcher, Greenwood, Kaplan, Keesee, Lancaster, Lutz, Phillips, Taylor, Varner.

### **MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

*Chairman*, Hunt, J., *Vice Chairmen*, Barker, McAlister; Beard, Brown, Bumgardner, Etheridge, Bob, Foster, Guy, Kemp, Lacey, Lancaster, Phillips, Poovey, Smith, Woodard, B.

## **NATURAL AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES**

*Chairman*, Adams, *Vice Chairmen*, Fulcher, Kaplan; Barbee, Chapin, Colton, Cullipher, Diamont, Ellis, Ethridge, Bruce, Evans, Guy, Kemp, Lacey, Phillips, Rabon, Seymour, Woodard, W.

## **PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

*Chairman*, Seymour, *Vice Chairmen*, Bright, Gentry, Smith; Adams, Bundy, Ellis, Enloe, Holt, B., Jordan, Lambeth.

## **PUBLIC UTILITIES**

*Chairman*, Quinn, *Vice Chairmen*, Campbell, Collins, Falls; Barker, Bumgardner, Chapin, Clarke, J., Etheridge, Bob, Gentry, Grady, Morris, Hobgood, Huskins, Miller, Rabon, Revelle, Rountree, Tennille, Tison, B.

## **RULES AND OPERATION OF THE HOUSE**

*Chairman*, Ramsey, *Vice Chairmen*, Adams, Parnell, Quinn; Barker, Bell, Bissell, Campbell, DeRamus, Edwards, Etheridge, Bob, Ezzell, Gamble, Harris, Helms, Holt, C., James, Jernigan, McDowell, McMillan, Rountree, Smith, Spoon, Tison, B., Wright.

## **STATE GOVERNMENT**

*Chairman*, Jernigan; *Vice Chairmen*, Barbee, Bumgardner, Ramsey; Church, Easterling, Guy, Harris, Holmes, G., Nye, Parnell, Poovey, Tally, Morgan.

## **STATE PERSONNEL**

*Chairman*, Foster, *Vice Chairmen*, Bundy, Enloe, White; Adams, Brubaker, Fussell, Hux, Johnson, Merritt, Nesbitt, Poovey, Woodard, B.

## **STATE PROPERTIES**

*Chairman*, Kaplan, *Vice Chairman*, Clarke, J.; Bumgardner, Carter, Covington, Diamont,



Edwards, Hobgood, Holroyd, Ledford, Morris, Rullman, Seymour, Varner.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

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## **UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

*Chairman*, Thomas, *Vice Chairmen*, Hunt, P., Locklear, McDowell; Brennan, Bright, Brown, DeRamus, Falls, Harris, Hunt, J., Huskins, Rabon, Taylor, Woodard, W.

## **WATER AND AIR RESOURCES**

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# RULES OF THE 1979 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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### I. Order of Business

RULE 1. *Convening Hour.* — The House shall convene each legislative day at the hour fixed by the House. In the event the House adjourns on the preceding legislative day without having fixed an hour for reconvening, the House shall convene on the next legislative day at 1:00 P.M.

RULE 2. *Opening the Session.* — At the convening hour on each legislative day the Speaker shall call the members to order and shall have the session opened with prayer.

RULE 3. *Quorum.* — (a) A quorum consists of a majority of the qualified members of the House.

(b) Should the point of a quorum be raised, the doors shall be closed and the Clerk shall call the roll of the House, after which the names of those not responding shall again be called. In the absence of a quorum, fifteen members are authorized to compel the attendance of absent members and may order that absentees for whom no sufficient excuses are made be taken into custody wherever they may be found by special messenger appointed for that purpose.

RULE 4. *Approval of Journal.* — (a) The Committee on Rules and Operation of the House shall cause the Journal of the House to be examined daily before the hour of convening to determine if the proceedings of the previous day have been correctly recorded.

(b) Immediately following the opening prayer and upon the appearance of a quorum, the Speaker shall call for the Journal report by the Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Operation of the House or by a Representative designated by the Chairman as to whether the proceedings of the previous day have been correctly recorded. Without

objection, the Speaker shall cause the Journal to stand approved.

**RULE 5. *Order of Business of the Day.*** — After the approval of the Journal of the preceding day, the House shall proceed to business in the following order:

- (1) The receiving of petitions, memorials and papers addressed to the General Assembly or to the House;
- (2) Reports of standing committees;
- (3) Reports of select committees;
- (4) First reading and reference to committee of bills and resolutions;
- (5) Messages from the Senate;
- (6) Concurrence with Senate amendments or Senate committee substitutes;
- (7) The unfinished business of the preceding day;
- (8) Calendar (each category in accordance with Rule 40):
  - (a) Local bills (roll call) third reading
  - (b) Local bills (roll call) second reading
  - (c) Local bills third reading
  - (d) Local bills second reading
  - (e) Public bills (roll call) third reading
  - (f) Public bills (roll call) second reading
  - (g) Public bills and resolutions, third reading
  - (h) Public bills and resolutions, second reading;
- (9) Reading of Notices and Announcements; but messages and motions to elect officers shall always be in order.

## **II. Conduct of Debate**

**RULE 6. *Duties and Powers of the Speaker.*** — The Speaker shall have general direction of the Hall. He may name any member to perform the duties of the Chair, but substitution shall not extend beyond one day, except in the case of sickness or by leave of the House.

**RULE 7. *Obtaining Floor.*** — (a) When any member desires recognition for any purpose, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Speaker. No member shall proceed until recognized by the Speaker.

(b) When a member desires to interrupt a member having the floor, he shall first obtain recognition by the Speaker and permission of the member occupying the floor, and when such recognition and permission have been obtained, he may propound a question to the member occupying the

floor; but he shall not otherwise interrupt the member having the floor, except as provided in subsection (c) of this rule; and the Speaker shall, without the point of order being raised, enforce this rule.

(c) A member who has obtained the floor may be interrupted only for the following reasons:

1. a request that the member speaking yield for a question,
2. a point of order, or
3. a parliamentary inquiry.

**RULE 8. *Questions of Personal Privilege.*** — Upon recognition by the Speaker for that purpose, any member may speak to a question of personal privilege for a time not to exceed three (3) minutes. Personal privilege may not be used to explain a vote or debate a bill. The Speaker shall determine if the question is one of privilege and shall, without the point of order being raised, enforce this rule.

**RULE 9. *Points of Order.*** — (a) The Speaker shall decide questions of order and may speak to points of order in preference to other members arising from their seats for that purpose. Any member may appeal from the ruling of the Chair on questions of order; on such appeal no member may speak more than once, unless by leave of the House. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present shall be necessary to sustain any appeal from the ruling of the Chair.

(b) When the Speaker calls a member to order, the member shall take his seat except that a member called to order may clear a matter of fact, or explain, but shall not proceed in debate so long as the decision stands. If the member appeals from the ruling of the Chair and the decision by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present be in favor of the member called to order, he may proceed; if otherwise, he shall not; and if the case, in the judgment of the House, requires it, he shall be liable to censure by the House.

**RULE 10. *Limitations on Debate.*** — No member shall speak more than twice on the main question, nor longer than thirty minutes for the first speech and fifteen minutes for the second speech, unless allowed to do so by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present; nor shall he speak more than once upon an amendment or motion to reconsider, commit, appeal or postpone, and then not longer than ten minutes. The House may, however, by consent of a majority of the members present, suspend the

operation of this rule during any debate on any particular question before the House.

**RULE 11. *Reading of Papers.*** — When there is a call for the reading of the text of a paper which has been presented to the House, and there is objection to such reading, the question shall be determined by a majority vote of the members of the House present. Except for protests permitted by the Constitution, no member may have material printed in the Journal until said material has been presented to the House and the printing approved by the House, and said material shall not exceed 1,000 words.

**RULE 12. *General Decorum.*** — (a) The Speaker shall preserve order and decorum.

(b) Decency of speech shall be observed and disrespect to personalities carefully avoided.

(c) When the Speaker is putting any question, or addressing the House, no person shall speak, stand up, walk out of or cross the House, nor when a member is speaking, engage in disruptive discourse or pass between the member and the Chair.

(d) Food or beverages shall not be permitted on the floor of the House.

(e) The reading of newspapers shall not be permitted on the floor of the House while the House is in session.

(f) Smoking or the consumption of food or beverages shall not be permitted in the galleries at any time.

(g) Special recitals, performances by musicians or other groups shall not be permitted on the floor of the House and special guests of members of the House shall not be permitted on the floor of the House.

(h) Members shall observe appropriate attire, coat and tie for male members and dignified dress for female members.

### **III. Motions**

**RULE 13. *Motions Generally.*** — (a) Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Speaker or any two members request it.

(b) When a motion is made, it shall be stated by the Speaker, or, if written, it shall be handed to the Chair and read aloud by the Speaker or Clerk before debate.

(c) After a motion has been stated by the Speaker or read by the Speaker or Clerk, it shall be in the possession of the



House; but it may be withdrawn before a decision or amendment, except in a case of a motion to reconsider, which motion, when made by a member, shall be in possession of the House and shall not be withdrawn without leave of the House.

**RULE 14. *Motions, Order of Precedence.*** — When there are motions before the House, the order of precedence is as follows:

- To adjourn
- To lay on the table
- To postpone indefinitely
- Previous question
- To postpone to a day certain
- To commit
- To amend an amendment
- To amend
- To substitute
- To pass the bill

No motion to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or to make a particular amendment, being decided, shall be again allowed at the same stage of the bill or proposition.

**RULE 15. *Motion to Adjourn.*** — (a) A motion to adjourn shall be seconded before the motion is put to the vote of the House.

(b) A motion to adjourn shall be decided without debate, and shall always be in order, except when the House is voting or some member is speaking; but a motion to adjourn shall not follow a motion to adjourn until debate or some other business of the house has intervened.

**RULE 16. *Motion to Table.*** — (a) A motion to table shall be seconded before the motion is put to the vote of the House and is in order except when a motion to adjourn is before the House.

(b) A motion to table shall be decided without debate.

(c) A motion to table a bill shall constitute a motion to table the bill and all amendments thereto.

(d) When the question before the House is the adoption of an amendment to a bill or resolution, a motion to table the bill is not in order, and a motion to table an amendment applies to the amendment only, and the motion may not expressly or by implication or construction be expanded to include a motion to table the bill also.

(e) When a question has been tabled, it shall not thereafter be considered except on motion to reconsider under Rule 18, or to remove from the table, approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

RULE 17. *Motion to Postpone Indefinitely.* — A motion to postpone indefinitely is in order except when a motion to adjourn or to lay on the table is before the House. However, after one motion to postpone indefinitely has been decided, another motion to postpone indefinitely shall not be allowed at the same stage of the bill or proposition. When a question has been postponed indefinitely, it shall not thereafter be considered except on motion to reconsider under Rule 18, or to place on the favorable calendar approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

RULE 18. *Motion to Reconsider.* — (a) When a question has been decided, it is in order for any member to move for the reconsideration thereof, on the same or the succeeding legislative day; provided that if the vote by which the motion was originally decided was taken by a recorded vote, only a member of the majority may move for reconsideration.

(b) A motion to reconsider shall be determined by majority vote, except a motion to reconsider a vote upon a motion to table, a motion to postpone indefinitely, a motion to remove a bill from the unfavorable calendar, a motion that a bill be read twice on the same day, or a motion to remove from the table, which shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

RULE 19. *Previous Question.* — (a) The previous question may be called only by the member submitting the report on the bill or other matter under consideration, by the member introducing the bill or other matter under consideration, or by the member in charge of the measure, who shall be designated by the chairman of the committee reporting the same to the House at the time the bill or other matter under consideration is reported to the House or taken up for consideration.

(b) The previous question shall be as follows: "Shall the main question now be put?" When the call for the previous question has been decided in the affirmative by a majority vote of the House, the "main question" is on the passage of the bill, resolution or other matter under consideration.

(c) The call for the previous question shall preclude all motions, amendments and debate, except the motion to adjourn or motion to table or motion to postpone indefinitely made prior to the determination of the previous question.



(d) If the previous question is decided in the negative, the main question remains under debate.

#### IV. Voting

RULE 20. *Use of Electronic Voting System.* — (a) Votes on the following questions shall be taken on the electronic voting system, and the ayes and noes shall be recorded on the Journal:

- (1) All questions on which the Constitution of North Carolina requires that the ayes and noes be taken and recorded on the Journal.
- (2) All questions on which a call for the ayes and noes under Rule 24(a) has been sustained.
- (3) Both second and third readings of bills proposing amendment of the Constitution of North Carolina or ratifying resolutions amending the Constitution of the United States.

(b) Votes on the following questions shall be taken on the electronic voting system, and a copy of the machine print-out of the votes shall be filed in the Principal Clerk's office. A copy of the machine print-out shall also be filed in the Legislative Library where it shall be open to public inspection:

- (1) Second reading of all public bills, all amendments to public bills offered after second reading, third reading if a public bill was amended after second reading or if the reading occurs on a day or days following the second reading, all conference reports on public bills, all motions to lay public bills on the table, and all motions to postpone public bills indefinitely.
- (2) Upon a call for division.
- (3) Any other question upon direction of the Speaker or upon motion of any member supported by one-fifth ( $1/5$ ) of the members present.

(c) When the electronic voting system is used, twenty seconds shall be allowed for voting on the question before the House, unless the chair shall direct otherwise. The system shall be set to close automatically when that time has expired. After the system is closed, the Speaker may allow any member to vote until he orders the system locked. Once the system is locked, the vote shall be recorded and printed.

(d) The voting station at each member's desk in the Chamber shall be used only by the member to which the station is assigned. Under no circumstances shall any other person vote at a member's station. It is a breach of the ethical obligation of a member either to request that another person vote at the requesting member's station, or to vote at another member's station. The Speaker shall enforce this rule without exception.

(e) When the electronic voting system is used, the Speaker shall state the question and shall then state substantially the following: "All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'; the Clerk will open the vote." After the allotted time for voting has elapsed, the Speaker shall say: "the Clerk will now lock the machine and record the vote." After the machine is locked and the vote recorded, the Speaker shall announce the vote and declare the result.

(f) One copy of the machine print-out of the vote record of all votes taken on the electronic system shall be filed in the office of the Principal Clerk, and one copy shall be filed in the Legislative Library where it shall be open to public inspection.

(g) When the Speaker ascertains that the electronic voting system is inoperative before a vote is taken or while a vote is being taken on the electronic system, he shall announce that fact to the House and any partial electronic system voting record shall be voided. In such a case, if the Constitution of North Carolina or the Rules of the House require a call of the ayes and noes, the Clerk shall call the roll of the House, and the ayes and noes shall be taken manually and shall be recorded on the Journal. All roll call votes shall be taken alphabetically. All other votes shall be taken by voice vote. If, after a vote is taken on the electronic system, it is discovered that a malfunction caused an error in the electronic system print-out, the Speaker shall direct the Reading Clerk and the Principal Clerk to verify and correct the print-out record and so advise the House.

(h) For the purpose of identifying motions on which the vote is taken on the electronic system, the motions are coded as follows:

1. To adjourn.
2. To lay on the table.
3. To postpone indefinitely.
4. Previous question.
5. To postpone to a day certain.

6. To commit.
7. To amend an amendment.
8. To amend.
9. To substitute.
10. To reconsider.
11. To concur or not concur.
12. Miscellaneous

RULE 21. *Voice Votes; Stating Questions.* — (a) When the electronic voting system is not used, the Speaker shall rise and put a question.

(b) The question shall be put in this form, namely, "Those in favor (as the question may be) will say 'Aye'," and after the affirmation voice has been expressed, "Those opposed will say 'No'."

RULE 22. *Determining Questions.* — Unless otherwise provided by the Constitution of North Carolina or by these rules, all questions shall be determined by a simple majority of the members present and voting.

RULE 23. *Voting by Division.* — Any member may call for a division of the members upon the question before the result of the vote has been announced. Upon a call for a division, the Speaker shall cause the number voting in the affirmative and in the negative to be determined. Upon a division and count of the House on any question, no member away from his seat shall be counted.

RULE 24. *Roll Call Vote.* — (a) Before a question is put, any member may call for the ayes and noes. If the call is sustained by one-fifth (1/5) of the members present, the question shall be decided by the ayes and noes upon a roll call vote.

(b) Every member who is in the Hall of the House when the question is put shall vote upon a call of the ayes and noes, unless excused pursuant to Rule 24-1A.

RULE 24.1A. *Excuse From Deliberations and Voting on a Bill.* — (a) Any member shall upon request be excused from the deliberations and voting on a particular bill, but to do so must make that request after the second reading of the bill and before any motion or vote on the bill or any amendment thereto. If the reason for the request arises at some point later in the proceedings, the request may be made at that time.

(b) The member may make a brief statement of the reasons for making that request. The member may send forward to the Principal Clerk, on a form provided by the Clerk, a concise statement of the reason for the request, and the Clerk shall include this statement in the Journal.

(c) The member so excused shall not debate the bill or any amendment to the bill, vote on the bill, offer or vote on any amendment to the bill, or offer or vote on any motion concerning the bill at that reading, any subsequent reading, or any subsequent consideration of the bill.

(d) A member may request that his excuse from deliberations on a particular bill be withdrawn.

**RULE 24.1B. *Separation of Propositions.*** — Any member may call for a question to be divided into two or more propositions to be voted on separately, and the Speaker shall determine whether the question admits of such a division.

**RULE 25. *Voting by Speaker.*** — In all elections the Speaker may vote. In all other instances he may exercise his right to vote, or he may reserve this right until there is a tie, in which event he may vote, but in no instance may he vote twice on the same question.

## **V. Committees**

**RULE 26. *Committees Generally.*** — (a) All standing and select committees shall be appointed by the Speaker. The Speaker shall appoint all standing committees at the beginning of the session.

(b) Ten legislative days after the Speaker makes his initial appointments to a standing or select committee, he shall not increase the membership of that committee, but may fill any vacancies which occur on that committee.

(c) The first member announced on each committee shall be Chairman, and where the Speaker so desires he may designate a CoChairman and one or more Vice-Chairmen.

(d) Either the Chairman or the Acting Chairman, designated by the Chairman or by the Speaker, and five other members of the committee, or a majority of the committee, whichever is fewer, shall constitute a quorum of that committee.

(e) In any joint meeting of the Senate and House Committees, the House Committee reserves the right to vote separately.



RULE 27. *List of Standing Committees.* — The standing committees are:

Aging.  
Agriculture.  
Alcoholic Beverage Control.  
Appropriations.  
Appropriations Committee on the Base Budget.  
Appropriations Committee on Education.  
Appropriations Committee on General Government  
and Transportation.  
Appropriations Committee on Human Resources  
and Corrections.  
Base Budget.  
Base Budget Committee  
on Education.  
Base Budget Committee on General Government  
and Transportation.  
Base Budget Committee on Human Resources  
and Corrections.  
Banks and Thrift Institutions.  
Commercial Fishing.  
Commissions and Institutions for the Blind  
and Deaf.  
Constitutional Amendments.  
Corporations.  
Corrections.  
Courts and Judicial Districts.  
Economy.  
Education.  
Election Laws.  
Employment Security.  
Finance.  
Health.  
Higher Education.  
Highway Safety.  
Human Resources.  
Insurance.  
Judiciary No. I.  
Judiciary No. II.  
Judiciary No. III.  
Law Enforcement  
Local Government No. I.  
Local Government No. II.  
Manufacturers and Labor.  
Mental Health.

Military and Veterans' Affairs.  
Natural & Economic Resources.  
Public Libraries.  
Public Utilities.  
Rules and Operation of the House.  
State Government.  
State Personnel.  
State Properties.  
Transportation.  
University Board of Governors Nominating  
Committee.  
Water and Air Resources.  
Wildlife Resources.

Redistricting Committee — In the session next after the federal decennial census, the Speaker shall appoint a standing committee or committees on redistricting.

RULE 28. *Committee Meetings.* — (a) Standing committees and subcommittees of standing committees shall be furnished with suitable meeting places pursuant to a schedule adopted by the Committee on Rules and Operation of the House. Select committees shall be furnished with suitable meeting places as their needs require by the Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Operation of the House.

(b) Subject to the provisions of the subsection (c) of this Rule, committees and subcommittees thereof shall permit other members of the General Assembly, the press, and the general public to attend all sessions of said committees or subcommittees.

(c) The chairman or other presiding officer shall have general direction of the meeting place of the committee or subcommittee and, in case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct therein, or if the peace, good order, and proper conduct of the legislative business is hindered by any person or persons, the chairman or presiding officer shall have power to exclude from the session any individual or individuals so hindering the legislative business or, if necessary, to order the meeting place cleared of all persons not members of the committee or subcommittee.

(d) Procedure in the committees shall be governed by the rules of the House, so far as the same may be applicable to such procedure. Before a question is put, any member may call for the ayes and noes. If the call is sustained by one-fifth (1/5) of the members present, the question shall be decided



by the ayes and noes upon a roll call vote. All roll call votes shall be taken alphabetically.

(e) No committee or subcommittee shall meet on any day when the House shall not convene except by permission of the Speaker or by approval of the House by resolution adopted by a majority vote of the House.

(f) No committee or subcommittee shall meet during any session of the House and all committee and subcommittee meetings shall adjourn no later than 15 minutes preceding a regular session of the House.

(g) Any call or notice of a standing committee meeting between legislative sessions shall be mailed to each member of the committee by certified mail at least five days prior to such meeting.

(h) During committee meetings the Chairman may exercise his right to vote, or he may reserve this right until there is a tie, in which event he may vote, but in no instance may the Chairman vote twice on the same question.

**RULE 29. Notice of Committee Meetings and Committee Hearings; Minutes.** — Public notice of all standing committee meetings shall be given in the House. The Chairman of the committee shall notify or cause to be notified the sponsor of each bill which is set for hearing or consideration before the committee as to the date, time and place of that meeting.

**RULE 29.1. Public Hearings.** — (a) Any member may request in writing a public hearing on a public bill. Refusal to grant a member's request may be appealed to the Speaker. Requests by other than members may be granted in the discretion of the Chairman. Notice shall be given not less than five calendar days prior to public hearings. These notices shall be issued as information for the press and information shall be posted in the places designated by the Principal Clerk.

(b) Persons desiring to appear and be heard at a public hearing shall submit their request to the Chairman of the committee. The committee Chairman may designate one or more members to arrange the order of appearance of interested parties. A brief, written statement of testimony may be submitted to the committee without oral presentation and shall be incorporated in the minutes of the public hearing.

(c) *Committee Minutes to Legislative Library.* The Chairman of a committee shall insure that written minutes are compiled for each of the committee's meetings. The minutes shall indicate the members present and the actions taken by the committee at the meeting. Not later than 20 days after the adjournment of each session of the General Assembly, the Chairman shall deliver the minutes to the Legislative Library. The Speaker of the House may grant a reasonable extension of time for filing said minutes upon application of the committee Chairman.

**RULE 30. Committee of the Whole House.** — (a) A Committee of the Whole House shall not be formed, except by suspension of the rules, if there be objection by any member.

(b) After passage of a motion to form a Committee of the Whole House, the Speaker shall appoint a chairman to preside in committee, and the Speaker shall leave the Chair.

(c) The rules of procedure in the House shall be observed in the Committee of the Whole House, so far as they may be applicable, except the rule limiting the time of speaking and the previous question.

(d) In the Committee of the Whole House a motion that the committee rise shall always be in order, except when a member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate.

(e) When a bill is submitted to the Committee of the Whole House, it shall be read and debated by sections, leaving the preamble to be last considered. The body of the bill shall not be defaced or interlined, but all amendments, noting the page and line, shall be duly entered by the Clerk on a separate paper as the same shall be agreed to by the committee, and be so reported to the House. After report, the bill shall again be subject to be debated and amended by sections before a question on its passage be taken.

## **VI. Handling of Bills**

**RULE 31. Reference to Committee.** — Each bill, joint resolution, or House resolution not introduced on the report of a committee shall immediately upon its first reading be referred by the Speaker to such committee as he deems appropriate.

**RULE 32. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.** — (a) All bills and resolutions shall be introduced by submitting same to the Principal Clerk's office on the legislative day prior to

the first reading and reference thereof according to the following schedule: by 8:30 o'clock p.m. each Monday, by 4:30 o'clock p.m. each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and by 3:00 o'clock p.m. each Friday.

(b) Every bill or resolution shall be read in regular order of business, except upon permission of the Speaker or on the report of a committee.

(c) All bills and resolutions shall show in their captions a brief descriptive statement of the true substance of same, which captions may thereafter be amended; provided that third reading shall not be had on any bill or resolution on the same day that such caption is amended.

(d) A Substitute Bill shall be covered with the same color jacket as the original bill and shall be prefaced as follows:

"House Substitute for" or "House Committee Substitute for \_\_."

(e) House Resolutions need not be read more than twice.

(f) *Celebration, Commendation and Commemoration, Resolutions.* All celebration, commendation, and commemoration resolutions, except those honoring the memory of deceased persons, shall be excluded from introduction in the House if the Senate has a substantially similar rule on these resolutions.

**RULE 32.1. *Deadline on Introduction of Certain Bills.*** — All local bills or bills prepared to be introduced for departments, agencies, or institutions of the State must be introduced not later than April 1 of the session year.

**RULE 33. *Papers Addressed to the House.*** — Petitions, memorials and other papers addressed to the House shall be presented by the Speaker. A brief statement of the contents thereof may be orally made by the introducer before reference to a committee, but such papers shall not be debated or decided on the day of their first being read unless the House shall direct otherwise.

**RULE 34. *Introduction of Resolutions and Bills, Copies Required.*** — (a) Whenever any resolution or bill is introduced, a duplicate copy thereof shall be attached thereto, and the Principal Clerk shall cause said duplicate copy to be numbered as the original resolution or bill is numbered, and shall cause the same to be available at all times to the member introducing the same.

(b) Numbering of House Bills shall be designated as "H.B. \_\_\_\_." (No. following). A Joint Resolution shall be designated as "H.J.R. \_\_\_\_." (No. following). A House Resolution shall be designated as "H.R. \_\_\_\_." (No. following).

(c) Whenever any resolution or bill is filed for introduction, it shall be in such form and have such copies accompanying same as designated by the Speaker, and any resolution or bill introduced without the required number of copies shall be immediately returned to the introducer. The Clerk shall stamp the copies with the number stamped upon the original bill.

**RULE 35. *Duplicating of Bills.*** — (a) The Legislative Services Officer shall cause such bills as are introduced to be duplicated in such numbers as may be specified by the Speaker. The Legislative Services Officer shall cause one copy of each resolution and public bill for each legislator to be delivered to his clerk or secretary who shall place it in the appropriate notebook on the legislator's desk. If a legislator so requests, a second copy shall be delivered to his clerk or secretary who shall place it in the legislator's office. The remaining copies shall be placed in the Printed Bills Room and made available to the committees to which the bill is referred, to individual legislators on request, and to the general public.

(b) *Availability of Copies of Bills.* A public bill is a bill affecting 15 or more counties. A local bill is one affecting fewer than 15 counties. No public bill and, upon objection by a member, no local bill may be considered unless copies of the bill have been made available to the entire membership of the House.

**RULE 36. *Report by Committee.*** — All House bills and resolutions shall be reported from the committee to which referred, with such recommendations as the committee may desire to make except in the case where the principal introducer requests in writing to the chairman of the committee that the bill not be considered. The chairman of the full Appropriations Committee may refer a bill or resolution to another appropriations committee specifically charged with the subject matter of the bill or resolution; the committee to which the bill or resolution is referred shall report the bill or resolution back to the full Appropriations Committee.



(a) *Favorable Report.* When a committee reports a bill with the recommendation that it be passed, the bill shall be placed on the favorable calendar for the next succeeding legislative day; except that Committee Substitutes for bills shall be placed on the favorable calendar for the second next succeeding legislative day after being reported.

(b) *Report Without Prejudice.* When a committee reports a bill without prejudice, the bill shall be placed on the favorable calendar.

(c) *Postponed Indefinitely.* When a committee reports a bill with the recommendation that it be postponed indefinitely, and no minority report accompanies it, the bill shall be placed on the unfavorable calendar.

(d) *Unfavorable Report.* When a committee reports a bill with the recommendation that it be not passed, and no minority report accompanies it, the bill shall be placed on the unfavorable calendar.

(e) *Minority Report.* When a bill is reported by a committee with a recommendation that it be not passed or that it be postponed indefinitely, but it is accompanied by a minority report signed by a least one-fourth ( $1/4$ ) of the members of the committee who were present and voting when the bill was considered in committee, the question before the House shall be: "The adoption of the minority report." If the minority report is adopted by majority vote, the bill shall be placed on the favorable calendar for consideration. If the minority report fails of adoption by a majority vote, the bill shall be placed on the unfavorable calendar.

**RULE 37. Removing Bill from Unfavorable Calendar.** — A bill may be removed from the unfavorable calendar upon motion carried by a two-thirds ( $2/3$ ) vote. A motion to remove a bill from the unfavorable calendar is debatable.

**RULE 38. Reports on Appropriation and Revenue Bills.** — (a) All committees, other than the Committee on Appropriations, when favorably reporting any bill which carries an appropriation from the State, shall indicate same in the report, and said bill shall be referred to the Committee on Appropriations for a further report before being acted upon by the House. All committees, other than the Committee on Finance, when favorably reporting any bill which in any way or manner raises revenue, reduces revenue, levies a tax, or authorizes the issue of bonds or notes, whether public, public-local, or private, shall indicate same in the report, and



said bill shall be referred to the Committee on Finance for a further report before being acted upon by the House.

(b) *Action on Amendment Before Re-Referral.* If any committee recommends adoption of an amendment or committee substitute of a bill which, under the rules of the House must be referred to the Committee on Appropriations or Committee on Finance, the amendment or committee substitute shall be considered and, if adopted, the amendment or substitute engrossed before the bill is re-referred.

**RULE 39. Recall of Bill from Committee.** — When a House bill has been introduced and referred to a committee, if after 10 legislative days the committee has failed to report thereon, then the introducer of the bill or some member designated by him may, after three legislative days' public notice given in the House, and delivered in writing to the Chairman of the committee, on motion supported by a majority vote of the members present and voting, recall the same from the committee to the floor of the House for consideration and such action thereon as a majority of the members present may direct. This rule shall not be temporarily suspended without one day's notice on the motion given in the House and delivered in writing to the Chairman of the committee, and to sustain that motion two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting shall be required.

**RULE 40. Calendars and Schedules of Business.** — The Clerk of the House shall prepare a daily schedule of business, including the Calendar of Bills and Resolutions for consideration and debate that day, in accordance with the Order of Business of the Day (Rule 5). The Clerk shall number all bills and resolutions in the order in which they are introduced. All bills and resolutions shall be taken up as they appear in each category [Rule 5(8)] in the order they were reported by committee; but the Committee on Rules and Operation of the House may at any time arrange the order of precedence in which bills may be considered.

**RULE 41. Readings of Bills.** — (a) Every bill shall receive three readings in the House prior to its passage. The first reading and reference of the bill to committee shall occur on the next legislative day following its introduction, and the Speaker shall give notice at each subsequent reading whether it be the second or third reading.

(b) No bill shall be read more than once on the same day without the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting.

RULE 42. *Effect of Defeated Bill.* — (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this Rule, after a bill has

1. been tabled,
2. been postponed indefinitely,
3. failed to pass on any of its readings, or
4. been placed on the unfavorable calendar,

the contents of that bill or the principal provisions of its subject matter shall not be considered in any other measure originating in the Senate or originating thereafter in the House. Upon the point of order being raised and sustained by the Chair, that measure shall be laid upon the table, and shall not be taken therefrom except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting.

(b) No local bill shall be held by the Chair to embody the contents of or the principal provisions of the subject matter of any statewide measure which has been laid on the table, or failed to pass on any of its readings, or has been placed on the unfavorable calendar..

RULE 43. *Amendments and Riders.* — No amendment or rider to a bill before the House shall be in order unless such rider or amendment is germane to the bill under consideration.

Only one principal (first degree) amendment shall be pending at any one time. If a subsequent or substitute principal amendment shall be offered, the Speaker shall rule it out of order. However, any member desiring to offer a subsequent or substitute principal amendment in opposition to the pending amendment may inform the House by way of argument against the pending amendment that if it is defeated he proposes to offer another principal amendment, and he may then read and explain such proposed amendment.

Perfecting (or second degree) amendments may be offered and considered without limitation as to number, and in the event of multiple perfecting amendments, they shall be voted upon in inverse order.

RULE 43.1. *Engrossment.* — Bills and resolutions, except those making appropriations, which originate in the House and which are amended, shall be engrossed before being sent to the Senate.

RULE 43.2. *House Concurrence in Senate Amendments to House Bills.* — The House shall not concur in a Senate amendment to a bill originating in the House until the next

legislative day after the day on which the House receives the Senate amendment.

**RULE 43.3. *Committee Substitutes Adopted by the Senate to Bills Originating in the House.*** — (a) Whenever the Senate has adopted a committee substitute for a bill originating in the House, and has returned the bill to the House for concurrence in that committee substitute, the House may not concur in that committee substitute until the next legislative day following the day on which the House receives that committee substitute.

(b) The Speaker may, and upon motion supported by a majority of the House present and voting shall, refer the bill to an appropriate committee for consideration of the committee substitute.

(c) The Speaker shall, in placing the bill on the calendar, rule whether the committee substitute is a material amendment under Article II, Section 23, of the State's Constitution. If the committee substitute was referred to committee, the committee shall:

- i. report the bill with the recommendation either that the House concur or that the House do not concur; and
- ii. advise the Speaker as to whether or not that committee substitute is a material amendment under Article II, Section 23, of the State's Constitution.

(d) If the committee substitute for a bill is not a material amendment, the question before the House shall be concurrence.

(e) If the committee substitute for a bill is a material amendment, the receiving of that bill on messages shall constitute first reading and the question before the House shall be concurrence on second reading. If the motion is passed, the question then shall be concurrence on third reading on the next legislative day.

(f) No committee substitute adopted by the Senate to a bill originating in the House may be amended by the House.

**RULE 44. *Conference Committees.*** — (a) Whenever the House shall decline or refuse to concur in amendments put by the Senate to a bill originating in the House, or shall refuse to concur in a substitute adopted by the Senate for a bill originating in the House or whenever the Senate shall decline or refuse to concur in amendments put by the House

to a bill originating in the Senate, or shall refuse to concur in a substitute adopted by the House for a bill originating in the Senate, a conference committee Chairman and committee shall be appointed upon motion made, consisting of the number named in the motion; and the bill under consideration shall thereupon go to and be considered by the joint conferees on the part of the House and Senate.

(b) Only such matters as are in difference between the two houses shall be considered by the conferees, and the conference report shall deal only with such matters. The conference report may be made by a majority of the House members of such conference committee, and shall not be amended.

(c) If the conferees fail to agree, new conferees may be appointed. However, if either house refuses to adopt the report of its conferees, no new conferees may be appointed.

## **VII. Legislative Officers and Employees**

**RULE 45. *Elected Officers.*** — (a) The House shall elect one of its members Speaker.

(b) The House shall elect one of its members Speaker pro tempore who shall perform such duties as the Speaker may assign and shall preside over the house in the absence or incapacity of the Speaker and shall perform all of the duties of the Speaker until such time the Speaker may assume the Chair.

(c) The House shall elect a Principal Clerk, a Reading Clerk and a Sergeant-at-Arms, each of whom shall have and perform such duties and responsibilities not inconsistent with these Rules as the Speaker may assign. The Principal Clerk shall continue in office until another is elected.

**RULE 46. *Assistants to Principal Clerk and Sergeant-at-Arms.*** — The Principal Clerk and the Sergeant-at-Arms may appoint, with the approval of the Speaker, such assistants as may be necessary to the efficient discharge of the duties of their respective offices.

**RULE 47. *Speaker's Clerk, Chaplain, and Pages.*** — (a) The Speaker may appoint one or more clerks to the Speaker, a Chaplain of the House, and pages to wait upon the sessions of the House.

(b) When the House is not in session, the pages shall be under the supervision of the Supervisor of Pages.



(c) No member may have more than 10 persons designated as honorary pages.

**RULE 48. *Committee Clerks and Secretaries.*** — (a) Each committee shall have a clerk. The clerk to a committee shall serve as secretary to the Chairman of that committee.

(b) Each member shall be assigned a secretary, unless he has a committee clerk to serve as his secretary.

(c) The selection and retention of clerks and secretaries shall be the sole prerogative of the individual member or members. Such clerks and secretaries shall file intitial applications for employment with the Legislative Services Office and shall receive compensation as prescribed by the Legislative Services Commission. The employment period of clerks and secretaries shall commence not earlier than the convening date of the General Assembly and shall terminate not later than the final adjournment or recess of the General Assembly unless employment for an extended period is approved by the Speaker. The clerks and secretaries shall adhere to such uniform rules and regulations not inconsistent with these Rules regarding hours and other conditions of employment as the Legislative Services Commission shall fix by appropriate regulations.

**RULE 49. *Compensation of Clerks and Secretaries.*** — No clerk, laborer, or other person employed or appointed under Rules 47, 48, and 49 hereof shall receive during such employment, appointment, or service, any compensation from any department of the State government, and there shall not be voted, paid or awarded any additional pay, bonus or gratuity to any of them, but they shall receive only the pay now provided by law for such duties and services.

### **VIII. Privileges of the Hall**

**RULE 50. *Admittance to Floor.*** — No person except members, officers and employees of the General Assembly and former members of the General Assembly who are not registered under the provisions of Article 9 of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes of North Carolina shall be allowed on the floor of the House during its session, unless permitted by the Speaker or otherwise provided by law.

**RULE 51. *Admittance of Press.*** — Reporters wishing to take down debates may be admitted by the Speaker, who shall assign such places to them on the floor or elsewhere, to effect this object, as shall not interfere with the convenience of the House.



RULE 52. *Extending Courtesies.* — Courtesies of the floor, galleries or lobby shall only be extended at the discretion of the Speaker.

RULE 53. *Order in Galleries and Lobby.* — In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the galleries or lobby, the Speaker or other presiding officer is empowered to order the same to be cleared.

### IX. General Rules

RULE 54. *Attendance of Members.* — No member or officer of the House shall absent himself from the service of the House without leave, unless from sickness or disability.

RULE 55. *Documents to be Signed by the Speaker.* — All acts, addresses, and resolutions and all warrants and subpoenas issued by order of the House shall be signed by the Speaker or other presiding officer.

RULE 56. *Printing or Reproducing Materials.* — There shall be no printing or reproducing of paper(s) that are not legislative in essence except upon approval of the Speaker.

RULE 57. *Placement of Material on Members' Desks.* — Persons other than members of the General Assembly, officers or staff thereof shall not place or cause to be placed any materials on members' desks without obtaining approval of the Speaker. Any material so placed shall bear the name of the originator.

RULE 58. *Rules, Rescission and Alteration.* — (a) These rules shall not be permanently rescinded or altered except by House simple resolution passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting. The introducer of the resolution must on the floor of the House give notice of his intent to introduce the resolution on the legislative day preceding its introduction.

(b) Except as otherwise provided herein, the House upon two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting may temporarily suspend any rule.

RULE 59. *Limitation on Co-sponsorship of Bills and Resolutions.* — Any member wishing to co-sponsor a bill or resolution which has been introduced may do so by appearing in the office of the Principal Clerk for such purpose within one-half hour following the adjournment of the session during which such bill or resolution was first read and referred.

RULE 60. *Correction of Typographical Errors.* — The Legislative Services Officer may correct typographical errors appearing in House bills or resolutions provided that such corrections are made before ratification and do not conflict with any actions or rules of the Senate and provided further that such correction be approved by the Chairman of the Rules Committee, the Speaker or other presiding officer.

RULE 61. *Matters not Covered in These Rules.* — Except as herein set out the rules of the House of Representatives of Congress shall govern the operation of the House.

# CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

## Article II Legislative

Section 1. *Legislative power.* The legislative power of the State shall be vested in the General Assembly, which shall consist of a Senate and a House of Representatives.

Sec. 2. *Number on Senators.* The Senate shall be composed of 50 Senators, biennially chosen by ballot.

Sec. 3. *Senate districts; apportionment of Senators.* The Senators shall be elected from districts. The General Assembly, at the first regular session convening after the return of every decennial census of population taken by order of Congress, shall revise the senate districts and the apportionment of Senators among those districts, subject to the following requirements:

(1) Each Senator shall represent, as nearly as may be, an equal number of inhabitants, the number of inhabitants that each Senator represents being determined for this purpose by dividing the population of the district that he represents by the number of Senators apportioned to that district;

(2) Each senate district shall at all times consist of contiguous territory;

(3) No county shall be divided in the formation of a senate district;

(4) When established, the senate districts and the apportionment of Senators shall remain unaltered until the return of another decennial census of population taken by order of Congress.

Sec. 4. *Number of Representatives.* The House of Representatives shall be composed of 120 Representatives, biennially chosen by ballot.

Sec. 5. *Representative districts; apportionment of Representatives.* The Representatives shall be elected from districts. The General Assembly, at the first regular session convening after the return of every decennial census of population taken by order of Congress, shall revise the representative districts and the apportionment of Representatives among those districts, subject to the following requirements:

(1) Each Representative shall represent, as nearly as may be, an equal number of inhabitants, the number of inhabitants that each Representative represents being determined for this purpose by dividing the population of the district he represents by the number of Representatives apportioned to that district;

(2) Each representative district shall at all times consist of contiguous territory;

(3) No county shall be divided in the formation of a representative district;

(4) When established, the representative districts and the apportionment of Representatives shall remain unaltered until the return of another decennial census of population taken by order of Congress.

Sec. 6. *Qualifications for Senator.* Each Senator, at the time of his election, shall be not less than 25 years of age, shall be a qualified voter of the State, and shall have resided in the State as a citizen for two years and in the district for which he is chosen for one year immediately preceding his election.

Sec. 7. *Qualifications for Representative.* Each Representative, at the time of his election, shall be a qualified voter of the State and shall have resided in the district for which he is chosen for one year immediately preceding his election.

Sec. 8. *Elections.* The election for members of the General Assembly shall be held for the respective districts in 1972 and every two years thereafter, at the places and on the day prescribed by law.

Sec. 9. *Term of office.* The term of office of Senators and Representatives shall commence at the time of their election.

Sec. 10. *Vacancies.* Every vacancy occurring in the membership of the General Assembly by reason of death, resignation, or other cause shall be filled in the manner prescribed by law.

Sec. 11. *Sessions.*

(1) *Regular Sessions.* The General Assembly shall meet in regular session in 1973 and every two years thereafter on the day prescribed by law. Neither house shall proceed upon public business unless a majority of all of its members are actually present.

(2) *Extra sessions on legislative call.* The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall convene the General Assembly in extra session by their joint proclamation upon receipt by the President of the Senate of written requests therefor signed by three-fifths of all of the members of the Senate and and upon receipt by the Speaker of the House of Representatives of written requests therefor signed by three-fifths of all the members of the House of Representatives.

Sec. 12. *Oath of members.* Each member of the General Assembly, before taking his seat, shall take an oath or affirmation that he will support the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, and will faithfully discharge his duty as a member of the Senate or House of Representatives.

Sec. 13. *President of the Senate.* The Lieutenant Governor shall be President of the Senate and shall preside over the Senate, but shall have no vote unless the Senate is equally divided.

Sec. 14. *Other officers of the Senate.*

(1) *President Pro Tempore - succession to presidency.* The Senate shall elect from its membership a President Pro Tempore, who shall become President of the Senate upon the failure of the Lieutenant Governor-elect to qualify, or upon succession by the Lieutenant Governor to the office of Governor, or upon the death, resignation, or removal from office of the President of the Senate, and who shall serve until the expiration of his term of office as Senator.

(2) *President Pro Tempore - temporary succession.* During the physical or mental incapacity of the President of the Senate to perform the duties of his office, or during the absence of the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore shall preside over the Senate.

(3) *Other officers.* The Senate shall elect its other officers.

Sec. 15. *Officers of the House of Representatives.* The House of Representatives shall elect its Speaker and other officers.

Sec. 16. *Compensation and allowances.* The members and officers of the General Assembly shall receive for their services the compensation and allowances prescribed by law. An increase in the compensation or allowances of members



shall become effective at the beginning of the next regular session of the General Assembly following the session at which it was enacted.

Sec. 17. *Journals.* Each house shall keep a journal of its proceedings, which shall be printed and made public immediately after the adjournment of the General Assembly.

Sec. 18. *Protests.* Any member of either house may dissent from and protest against any act or resolve which he may think injurious to the public or to any individual, and have the reasons of his dissent entered on the journal.

Sec. 19. *Record votes.* Upon motion made in either house and seconded by one fifth of the members, the yeas and nays upon any question shall be taken and entered upon the journal.

Sec. 20. *Powers of the General Assembly.* Each house shall be judge of the qualifications and elections of its own members, shall sit upon its own adjournment from day to day, and shall prepare bills to be enacted into laws. The two houses may jointly adjourn to any future day or other place. Either house may, of its own motion, adjourn for a period not in excess of three days.

Sec. 21. *Style of the acts.* The style of the acts shall be: "The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:".

Sec. 22. *Action on bills.* All bills and resolutions of a legislative nature shall be read three times in each house before they become laws, and shall be signed by the presiding officers of both houses.

Sec. 23. *Revenue bills.* No law shall be enacted to raise money on the credit of the State, or to pledge the faith of the State directly or indirectly for the payment of any debt, or to impose any tax upon the people of the State, or to allow the counties, cities, or towns to do so, unless the bill for the purpose shall have been read three several times in each house of the General Assembly and passed three several readings, which readings shall have been on three different days, and shall have been agreed to by each house respectively, and unless the yeas and nays on the second and third readings of the bill shall have been entered on the journal.

Sec. 24. *Limitations on local, private, and special legislation.*

(1) *Prohibited subjects.* The General Assembly shall not enact any local, private or special act or resolution:

(a) Relating to health, sanitation, and the abatement of nuisances;

(b) Changing the names of cities, towns, and townships;

(c) Authorizing the laying out, opening, altering, maintaining, or discontinuing of highways, streets, or alleys;

(d) Relating to ferries or bridges;

(e) Relating to non-navigable streams;

(f) Relating to cemeteries;

(g) Relating to the pay of jurors;

(h) Erecting new townships, or changing township lines, or establishing or changing the lines of school districts;

(i) Remitting fines, penalties, and forfeitures, or refunding moneys legally paid into the public treasury;

(j) Regulating labor, trade, mining, or manufacturing;

(k) Extending the time for the levy or collection of taxes or otherwise relieving any collector of taxes from the due performance of his official duties or his sureties from liability;

(l) Giving effect to informal wills and deeds;

(m) Granting a divorce or securing alimony in any individual case;

(n) Altering the names of any person, or legitimating any person not born in lawful wedlock, or restoring to the rights of citizenship any person convicted of a felony.

(2) *Repeals.* Nor shall the General Assembly enact any such local, private, or special act by the partial repeal of a general law; but the General Assembly may at any time repeal local, private, or special laws enacted by it.

(3) *Prohibited acts void.* Any local, private, or special act or resolution enacted in violation of the provisions of this Section shall be void.

(4) *General laws.* The General Assembly may enact general laws regulating the matters set out in this Section.

Sec. 4 *Revision or amendment by legislative initiation.* A proposal of a new or revised Constitution or an amendment or amendments to this Constitution may be initiated by the General Assembly, but only if three-fifths of all the members of each house shall adopt an act submitting the proposal to

the qualified voters of the State for their ratification or rejection. The proposal shall be submitted at the time and in the manner prescribed by the General Assembly. If a majority of the votes cast thereon are in favor of the proposed new or revised Constitution or constitutional amendment or amendments, it or they shall become effective January first next after ratification by the voters unless a different effective date is prescribed in the act submitting the proposal or proposals to the qualified voters.

# GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA

## Article 14.

### Part 1. Code of Legislative Ethics.

§ 120-85. **Definitions.** — As used in this Article:

- (1) "Business with which he is associated" means any enterprise, incorporated or otherwise, doing business in the State of which the legislator or any member of his immediate household is a director, officer, owner, partner, employee, or of which the legislator and his immediate household, either singularly or collectively, is a holder of securities worth five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more at fair market value as of December 31 of the preceding year, or constituting five percent (5%) or more of the outstanding stock of such enterprise.
- (2) "Immediate household" means the legislator, his spouse, and all dependent children of the legislator.
- (3) "Vested trust" as set forth in G.S. 120-96(4) means any trust, annuity or other funds held by a trustee or other third party for the benefit of the member or a member of his immediate household (1975, c. 564, s.1).

§ 120-86. **Bribery, etc.** — No person shall offer or give to a legislator or a member of a legislator's immediate household, or to a business with which he is associated, and no legislator shall solicit or receive, anything of monetary value, including a gift, favor or service or a promise of future employment, based on any understanding that such legislator's vote, official actions or judgment would be influenced thereby, or where it could reasonably be inferred that the thing of value would influence the legislator in the discharge of his duties. (1975, c. 564, s. 1.)

§ 120-87. **Disclosure of confidential information.** — No legislator shall use or disclose confidential information gained in the course of or by reason of his official position or activities in any way that could result in financial gain for himself, a business with which he is associated or a member of his immediate household or any other person. (1975, c. 564, s. 1.)

**§ 120-88. When legislator to disqualify himself or submit question to Legislative Ethics Committee.** — When a legislator must act on a legislative matter as to which he has an economic interest, personal, family, or client, he shall consider whether his judgment will be substantially influenced by the interest, and consider the need for his particular contribution, such as special knowledge of the subject matter, to the effective functioning of the legislature. If after considering these factors the legislator concludes that an actual economic interest does exist which would impair his independence of judgment, then he shall not take any action to further the economic interest, and shall ask that he be excused, if necessary, by the presiding officer in accordance with the rules of the respective body. If the legislator has a material doubt as to whether he should act, he may submit the question to the Legislative Ethics Committee for an advisory opinion in accordance with G.S. 120-104. (1975, c. 564, s. 1.)

**§ 120-89. Statement of economic interest by legislative candidates; filing required.** — Every person who files as a candidate for nomination or election to a seat in either house of the General Assembly shall file a statement of economic interest as specified in this Article within 10 days of the filing deadline for the office he seeks. (1975, c. 564, s. 1.)

**§ 120-90. Place and manner of filing.** — The statement of economic interest shall cover the preceding calendar year and shall be filed at the same place, and in the same manner, as the notice of candidacy which a candidate seeking party nomination for the office of State Senator or member of the State House of Representatives is required to file under the provisions of G.S. 163-106. (1975, c. 564, s. 1.)

**§ 120-91. Certification of statements of economic interest.** — The chairman of the county board of elections with which a statement of economic interest is filed shall forward a certified copy of the statement to the State Board of Elections and the offices to which copies of the notice of candidacy filed by a candidate seeking party nomination for the office of State Senator or member of the State House of Representatives is required to be forwarded under the provisions of G.S. 163-108. (1975, c. 564, s. 1.)



**§ 120-92. Filing by candidates not nominated in primary elections.** — A person who is nominated pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 163-114 after the primary and before the general election, and a person who qualifies pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 163-122 as an independent candidate in a general election shall file with the county board of elections of each county in the senatorial or representative district a statement of economic interest. A person nominated pursuant to G.S. 163-114 shall file the statement within three days following his nomination, or not later than the day preceding the general election, whichever occurs first. A person seeking to qualify as an independent candidate under G.S. 163-122 shall file the statement of economic interest with the petition filed pursuant to that section. A person elected pursuant to G.S. 163-11 (vacancy in office) shall file a statement of economic interest within 10 days after taking the oath of office. (1975, c. 564, s. 1.)

**§ 120-93. County boards of elections to notify candidates of economic-interest-statement requirements.** — Each county board of elections shall provide for notification of the economic-interest-statement requirements of G.S. 120-95 and 120-96 to be given to any candidate filing for nomination or election to the General Assembly at the time of his or her filing in the particular county. (1975, c. 564, s. 1.)

**§ 120-94. Statements of economic interest are public records.** — The statements of economic interest are public records and shall be made available for inspection and copying by any person during normal business hours at the office of the various county boards of election where the statements or copies thereof are filed. If a county board of elections of a county does not keep an office open during normal business hours each day, that board shall deliver a copy of all statements of economic interest filed with it to the clerk of superior court of the county, and the statements shall be available for inspection and copying by any person during normal business hours at that clerk's office. (1975, c. 564, s. 1.)

**§ 120-95. Legislators to file statement of economic interest with Legislative Services Office.** — Every member of the General Assembly, however selected, shall by January 15 next following his election file a statement of economic interest with the Legislative Services Officer of the General

Assembly. A copy of the statement so filed shall be placed in the Legislative Library and shall be available for inspection and copying by any person during normal library hours. On or before December 16 of the year members of the General Assembly are elected, the Legislative Services Officer shall cause notice of the filing requirement of this section to be mailed to all elected members of the General Assembly. (1975, c. 564, s. 1.)

**§ 120-96. Contents of statement.** — Any statement of economic interest filed under this Article shall be on a form prescribed by the Committee, and the person filing the statement shall supply the following information:

- (1) The identity, by name, of any business with which he, or any member of his immediate household, is associated;
- (2) The character and location of all real estate of a fair market value in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), other than his personal residence (curtilage), in the State in which he, or a member of his immediate household, has any beneficial interest, including an option to buy and a lease for 10 years or over;
- (3) The type of each creditor to whom he, or a member of his immediate household, owes money, except indebtedness secured by lien upon his personal residence only, in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000);
- (4) The name of each "vested trust" in which he or a member of his immediate household has a financial interest in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and the nature of such interest;
- (5) The name and nature of his and his immediate household member's respective business or profession or employer and the types of customers and types of clientele served;
- (6) A list of businesses with which he is associated that do business with the State, and a brief description of the nature of such business;
- (7) In the case of professional persons and associations, a list of classifications of business clients which classes were charged or paid two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or more during the previous calendar year for professional services rendered by him, his firm or partnership. This list need not include the name of the client but shall list the type of the business of each such client or class of client,

and brief description of the nature of the services rendered. (1975, c. 564, s. 1.)

**§ 120-97. Updating statements.** — Each person who is required to file a statement of economic interest under this Article shall file an updated statement at the office required by this Article by January 15 of the second year following his or her election on a form prescribed by the Legislative Ethics Committee. The Committee shall forward the form to those required to file same on or before December 16. (1975, c. 564, s. 1.)

**§ 120-98. Penalty for failure to file.** — (a) In the case of a candidate, if the statement of economic interest required by this Article is not filed when required herein, the county board of elections shall immediately notify the candidate that his name will not be placed on the ballot unless the statement is received within 15 days. If the statement is not received within 15 days, the candidate shall be disqualified and his filing fee returned.

(b) In the case of a member, willful failure to file shall result in that member's not being allowed to take the oath of office or enter or continue upon his duties or receive any compensation from public funds provided, however, the Committee may, for good cause shown, allow said member to file the required statement and remove his disability. (1975, c. 564, s. 1.)

### Part 3. Legislative Ethics Committee.

**§ 120-99. Creation; composition.** — The Legislative Ethics Committee is created to consist of a chairman and eight members, four Senators appointed by the President of the Senate, two from a list of four submitted by the Majority Leader and two from a list of four submitted by the Minority Leader, and four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, two from a list of four submitted by the Majority Leader and two from a list of four submitted by the Minority Leader.

The President of the Senate shall designate a member of the General Assembly as chairman of the Committee in odd-numbered years, and the Speaker of the House shall designate a member of the General Assembly as chairman of the Committee in even-numbered years. The chairman will vote only in the event of a tie vote. (1975, c. 564, s. 1.)

§ 120-100. **Term of office; vacancies.** — Initial members of the Legislative Ethics Committee shall be appointed as soon as practicable after the ratification of this Article and shall serve until the expiration of their current terms as members of the General Assembly. Thereafter, appointments shall be made immediately after the convening of the regular session of the General Assembly in odd-numbered years, and appointees shall serve until the expiration of their then-current terms as members of the General Assembly. The chairman shall serve for one year and shall be appointed each year. A vacancy occurring for any reason during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term by the authority making the appointment which caused the vacancy, and the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall, if possible, be a member of the same political party as the member who caused the vacancy. (1975, c. 564, s.1.)

§ 120-101. **Quorum; expenses of members.** — Five members constitute a quorum of the Committee. A vacancy on the Committee does not impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all the powers of the Committee.

The chairman and members of the Committee, while serving on the business of the Committee, are performing legislative duties and are entitled to the subsistence and travel allowances to which members of the General Assembly are entitled when performing legislative duties. (1975, c. 564, s. 1.)

§ 120-102. **Powers and duties of Committee.** — In addition to the other powers and duties specified in this Article, the Committee has the following powers and duties:

- (1) To prescribe forms for the statements of economic interest and other reports required by this Article, and to furnish these forms to persons who are required to file statements or reports.
- (2) To receive and file any information voluntarily supplied that exceeds the requirements of this Article.
- (3) To organize in a reasonable manner statements and reports filed with it and to make these statements and reports available for public inspection and copying during regular office hours. Copying facilities shall be made available at a charge not to exceed actual cost.
- (4) To preserve statements and reports filed with the Committee for a period of 10 years from the date of



receipt. At the end of the 10-year period, these documents shall be destroyed.

- (5) To prepare a list of ethical principles and guidelines to be used by each legislator in determining his role in supporting or opposing specific types of legislation, and to advise each General Assembly committee of specific danger areas where conflict of interest may exist and to suggest rules of conduct that should be adhered to by committee members in order to avoid conflict.
- (6) To advise General Assembly committees, at the request of a committee chairman, or at the request of three members of a committee, about possible points of conflict and suggested standards of conduct of committee members in the consideration of specific bills or groups of bills.
- (7) To suggest to legislators activities which should be avoided. (1975, c. 564, s. 1.)

**§ 120-103. Possible violations; procedures; disposition. —**

(a) institution of Proceedings. — On its own motion, or in response to signed and sworn complaint of any individual filed with the Committee, the Committee shall inquire into any alleged violation of any provisions of this Article.

(b) Notice and Hearing. — If, after such preliminary investigation as it may make, the Committee determines to proceed with an inquiry into the conduct of any individual, the Committee shall notify the individual as to the fact of the inquiry and the charges against him and shall schedule one or more hearings on the matter. The individual shall have the right to present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and be represented by counsel at any hearings. The Committee may, in its discretion, hold hearings in closed session; however, the individual whose conduct is under inquiry may, by written demand filed with the Committee, require that all hearings before the Committee concerning him be public or in closed session.

(c) Subpoenas. — The Committee may issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses or the production of documents, books or other records. The Committee may apply to the superior court to compel obedience to the subpoenas of the Committee. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, every State agency, local governmental agency, and units and subdivisions thereof shall make available to the Committee any documents, records, data, statements or other information, except tax returns or information



relating thereto, which the Committee designates as being necessary for the exercise of its powers and duties.

(d) **Disposition of Cases.** — When the Committee has concluded its inquiries into alleged violations, the Committee may dispose of the matter in one of the following ways:

- (1) The Committee may dismiss the complaint and take no further action. In such case the Committee shall retain its records and findings in confidence unless the individual under inquiry requests in writing that the records and findings be made public.
  - (2) The Committee may, if it finds substantial evidence that a criminal statute has been violated, refer the matter to the Attorney General for possible prosecution through appropriate channels.
  - (3) The Committee may refer the matter to the appropriate House of the General Assembly for appropriate action. That House may, if it finds the member guilty of unethical conduct as defined in this Article, censure, suspend or expel the member.
- (1975, c. 564, s. 1.)

**§ 120-104. Advisory opinions.** — At the request of any member of the General Assembly, the Committee shall render advisory opinions on specific questions involving legislative ethics. These advisory opinions, edited as necessary to protect the identity of the legislator requesting the opinion, shall be published periodically by the Committee. (1975, c. 564, s. 1.)

**§ 120-105. Continuing study of ethical questions.** — The Committee shall conduct continuing studies of questions of legislative ethics including revisions and improvements of this Article as well as sections to cover the administrative branch of government and shall report to the General Assembly from time to time recommendations for amendments to the statutes and legislative rules which the Committee deems desirable in promoting, maintaining and effectuating high standards of ethics in the legislative branch of State government. (1975, c. 564, s. 1.)

**§ 120-106. Article applicable to presiding officers.** — The provisions of this Article shall apply to the presiding officers of the General Assembly. (1975, c. 564, s. 2.)

# HOUSE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE 1979 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## ADAMS

Appropriations, Appropriations on Human Resources & Corrections, Banks & Thrift Institutions, Judiciary III, Natural & Economic Resources (*Chm*), Public Libraries, Rules (*Vice Chm*), State Personnel

## AUMAN

Agriculture, Appropriations (*Vice Chm*), Appropriations on Human Resources & Corrections (*Chm*), Commissions & Institutions for Blind & Deaf (*Vice Chm*), Corporations, Corrections, and Mental Health

## BARBEE

ABC (*Vice Chm*), Economy, Finance (*Vice Chm*), Local Government II, Natural & Economic Resources, State Government (*Vice Chm*)

## BARKER

Education, Finance, Mental Health (*Chm*), Military and Veterans Affairs (*Vice Chm*), Public Utilities, Rules

## BARNES

Aging, ABC, Banks & Thrift Institutions, Employment Security, Finance, Insurance

## BEARD

ABC, Appropriations, Base Budget, Base Budget on Human Resources & Corrections, Corrections, Education (*Vice Chm*), Mental Health (*Vice Chm*), Military & Veterans Affairs

**BELL**

Appropriations (*Vice Chm*), Appropriations on General Government & Transportation (*Chm*), Banks & Thrift Institutions, Education, Election Laws (*Vice Chm*), Human Resources, Rules

**BISSELL**

Corrections, Finance, Insurance, Judiciary I, Law Enforcement, Rules

**BONE**

ABC, Finance, Health, Highway Safety, Manufacturers & Labor, Water & Air Resources

**BRENNAN**

Appropriations, Appropriations on General Government & Transportation, Constitutional Amendments (*Vice Chm*), Corrections, Higher Education (*Vice Chm*), Judiciary III, University Board of Governors

**BRIGHT**

Banks & Thrift Institutions, Commercial Fishing (*Chm*), Finance, Public Libraries (*Vice Chm*), University Board of Governors, Water & Air Resources

**BROWN**

Agriculture, Finance, Health, Military & Veterans Affairs, University Board of Governors, Wildlife

**BRUBAKER**

Appropriations, Banks & Thrift Institutions, Base Budget, Base Budget on Human Resources & Corrections, Election Laws, Health, Manufacturers & Labor, State Personnel

**BUMGARDNER**

Appropriations, Appropriations on General Government & Transportation, Highway Safety, Mili-

tary & Veterans Affairs, Public Utilities, State Government (*Vice Chm*), State Properties, Transportation (*Chm*)

## **BUNDY**

Aging, Education (*Vice Chm*), Election Laws, Finance, Public Libraries, State Personnel (*Vice Chm*)

## **CAMPBELL**

Appropriations (*Vice Chm*), Appropriations on Education (*Chm*), Constitutional Amendments, Education, Insurance, Public Utilities (*Vice Chm*), Rules

## **CARTER**

Commissions & Institutions for Blind & Deaf, Corporations, Finance, Health, Law Enforcement, State Properties

## **CHAPIN**

Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations on Education (*Vice Chm*), Commercial Fishing (*Vice Chm*), Education, Election Laws (*Vice Chm*), Natural & Economic Resources, Public Utilities

## **CHURCH**

Appropriations, Base Budget on Education (*Chm*), Base Budget (*Vice Chm*), Economy, Employment Security (*Vice Chm*), Higher Education, Local Government II, State Government

## **CLARK, D.**

Agriculture, Education, Election Laws, Finance, Highway Safety, Wildlife

## **CLARK, W.**

Banks & Thrift Institutions, Corrections, Courts & Judicial Districts, Finance, Higher Education, Insurance, Judiciary I

**CLARKE, J.**

Appropriations, Base Budget, Base Budget on Human Resources & Corrections, Insurance, Law Enforcement (*Chm*), Local Government I, Public Utilities, State Properties (*Chm*)

**COBLE**

Banks & Thrift Institutions, Economy, Employment Security, Finance, Higher Education, Judiciary III

**COLLINS**

Agriculture, Banks & Thrift Institutions, Finance, Local Government II (*Vice Chm*), Manufacturers & Labor, Public Utilities (*Vice Chm*)

**COLTON**

Economy, Finance, Health, Human Resources, Local Government II, Natural & Economic Resources

**COOK**

Appropriations, Appropriations on General Government & Transportation, Banks & Thrift Institutions (*Vice Chm*), Commission & Institutions for Blind & Deaf (*Chm*), Corrections, Judiciary III, Mental health

**COVINGTON**

Banks & Thrift Institutions, Corporations (*Vice Chm*), Election Laws, Finance, State Properties, Wildlife

**CULLIPHER**

Appropriations, Appropriations on Human Resources & Corrections, Commercial Fishing (*Vice Chm*), Education, Law Enforcement, Local Government I (*Vice Chm*), Natural & Economic Resources



## **DAVIS**

Corrections, Election Laws, Finance, Health (*Vice Chm*), Judiciary III, Local Government I

## **DeRAMUS**

Constitutional Amendments (*Chm*), Courts & Judicial Districts, Finance, Judiciary II (*Vice Chm*), Rules, University Board of Governors

## **DIAMONT**

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## **EASTERLING**

Appropriations, Base Budget, Base Budget on General Government & Transportation, Economy, Judiciary II, Local Government II (*Vice Chm*), Manufacturers & Labor (*Vice Chm*), State Government

## **ECONOMOS**

Aging (*Vice Chm*), Education, Finance, Highway Safety, Human Resources, Mental Health (*Vice Chm*)

## **EDWARDS**

Banks & Thrift Institutions, Commissions & Institutions for Blind & Deaf, Finance, Mental Health, Rules, State Property

## **ELLIS**

Agriculture, Corporations, Economy, Employment Security, Finance (*Vice Chm*), Natural & Economic Resources, Public Libraries

## **ENLOE**

Agriculture, Appropriations, Base Budget, Base Budget on General Government & Transporta-

tion, Education, Employment Security (*Chm*), Public Libraries, State Personnel (*Vice Chm*)

### **ETHERIDGE, BOB**

Finance, Human Resources, Local Government I, Military & Veterans Affairs, Public Utilities, Rules

### **ETHRIDGE, BRUCE**

Commercial Fishing, Finance, Human Resources, Judiciary I, Natural & Economic Resources, Water & Air Resources

### **EVANS**

Appropriations, Appropriations on Education, Commercial Fishing, Courts & Judicial Districts, Judiciary I, Local Government I, Natural & Economic Resources, Wildlife Resources

### **EZZELL**

Appropriations, Appropriations on Human Resources & Corrections, Banks & Thrift Institutions (*Vice Chm*), Corrections, Courts & Judicial Districts, Election Laws (*Chm*), Judiciary III, Rules

### **FALLS**

Agriculture, Finance, Insurance, Local Government I, Public Utilities (*Vice Chm*), University Board of Governors

### **FOSTER**

Aging, Appropriations, Appropriations on Education (*Vice Chm*), Commissions & Institutions for Blind & Deaf, Education, Military & Veterans Affairs, State Personnel (*Chm*)

### **FRYE**

Appropriations, Base Budget, Base Budget on Human Resources & Corrections, Constitutional Amendments (*Vice Chm*), Courts & Judicial Districts, Economy, Higher Education, Judiciary I (*Chm*)

## **FULCHER**

Appropriations, Appropriations on Education, Commercial Fishing, Education (*Vice Chm*), Higher Education, Mental health, Natural & Economic Resources (*Vice Chm*)

## **FUSSELL**

Aging, Commissions & Institutions for Blind & Deaf, Economy, Education, Finance, State Personnel

## **GAMBLE**

Constitutional Amendments, Finance (*Chm*), Health (*Vice Chm*), Insurance, Rules

## **GENTRY**

Agriculture (*Vice Chm*), Election Laws, Employment Security, Finance, Public Libraries (*Vice Chm*), Public Utilities

## **GRADY**

Agriculture, Appropriations, Base Budget, Base Budget on General Government & Transportation, Health Local Government II (*Vice Chm*), Mental Health (*Vice Chm*), Public Utilities

## **GREENWOOD**

Aging, Appropriations, Appropriations on Education (*Vice Chm*), Economy, Highway Safety, Human Resources, Local Government II (*Chm*), Mental Health

## **GUY**

Commercial Fishing, Finance, Manufacturers & Labor, Military & Veterans Affairs, Natural & Economic Resources, State Government

## **HARRIS**

Corporations (*Chm*), Finance, Higher Education (*Vice Chm*), Rules, State Government, University Board of Governors

## **HAWORTH**

Appropriations, Appropriations on General Government & Transportation, Constitutional Amendments, Corrections (*Vice Chm*), Courts & Judicial Districts, Education, Judiciary II

## **HELMS**

Banks & Thrift Institutions, Constitutional Amendments, Courts & Judicial Districts (*Vice Chm*), Finance, Judiciary II (*Chm*), Rules

## **HIGHTOWER**

Agriculture, Corrections (*Vice Chm*), Economy, Finance, Health (*Vice Chm*), Insurance, Transportation

## **HOBGOOD**

Banks & Thrift Institutions, Corporations, Finance, Judiciary III, Public Utilities, State Properties

## **HOLMES, ED**

Appropriations (*Chm*), Corporations, Corrections, Economy (*Vice Chm*), Judiciary I, Law Enforcement (*Vice Chm*)

## **HOLMES, GEORGE**

Constitutional Amendments, Election Laws, Finance, Law Enforcement, State Government, Wildlife

## **HOLROYD**

ABC, Appropriations, Appropriations on Education, Constitutional Amendments, Education, Insurance (*Vice Chm*), Law Enforcement, State Properties

## **HOLT, B.**

ABC (*Vice Chm*), Appropriations, Appropriations on General Government & Transportation, Con-

stitutional Amendments, Human Resources, Judiciary II (*Vice Chm*), Public Libraries

### **HOLT, CHARLES**

Banks & Thrift Institutions (*Chm*), Finance, Judiciary I, Rules Water & Air Resources (*Vice Chm*), Wildlife (*Vice Chm*)

### **HUNT, J.**

Agriculture, Commissions & Institutions for Blind & Deaf (*Vice Chm*), Finance, Military & Veterans Affairs (*Chm*), University Board of Governors, Wildlife

### **HUNT, P.**

Appropriations, Appropriations on Education, Banks & Thrift Institutions, Constitutional Amendments, Health, Judiciary III (*Chm*), University Board of governors (*Vice Chm*)

### **HUSKINS**

Appropriations, Appropriations on Education, Higher Education, Insurance (*Chm*), Public Utilities, Transportation (*Vice Chm*), University Board of Governors

### **HUX**

Aging, Agriculture, Courts & Judicial Districts (*Vice Chm*), Finance, Judiciary I (*Vice Chm*), State Personnel

### **JAMES**

Agriculture (*Chm*), Appropriations, Appropriations on Human Resources & Corrections (*Vice Chm*), Commercial Fishing, Rules, Transportation, Water & Air Resources

### **JERNIGAN**

Appropriations, Appropriations on General Government & Transportation (*Vice Chm*), Economy,



Higher Education, Rules, State Government  
(*Chm*), Transportation

## **JOHNSON**

Appropriations, Appropriations on Human Resources & Corrections (*Vice Chm*), Banks & Thrift Institutions, Courts & Judicial Districts, Judiciary I, Manufacturers & Labor (*Chm*), State Personnel

## **JORDAN**

Aging, Agriculture, Constitutional Amendments, Corporations (*Vice Chm*), Election Laws, Finance, Manufacturers & Labor, Public Libraries

## **KAPLAN**

ABC, Appropriations, Base Budget, Base Budget on Education, Constitutional Amendments, Mental Health, Natural & Economic Resources (*Vice Chm*), State Properties (*Chm*)

## **KEESEE**

Appropriations, Appropriations on Education, Corrections, Education, Human Resources, Local Government II, Mental Health

## **KEMP**

Appropriations, Appropriations on Human Resources & Corrections, Health, Local Government I, Military & Veterans Affairs, Natural & Economic Resources, Water & Air Resources

## **LACEY**

Agriculture, Appropriations, Base Budget, Base Budget on General Government & Transportation, Local government I, Manufacturers & Labor, Military & Veterans Affairs, Natural & Economic Resources

## **LAMBETH**

Appropriations, Appropriations on General Government & Transportation, Commissions & Insti-

tutions for Blind & Deaf, Corporations, Highway Safety (*Vice Chm*), Public Libraries, Wildlife (*Chm*)

## **LANCASTER**

Appropriations, Appropriations on General Government & Transportation, Constitutional Amendments, Education, Judiciary II, Mental Health, Military & Veterans Affairs

## **LEDFORD**

Appropriations, Appropriations on Human Resources & Corrections, Education, Local Government I, Manufacturers & Labor, State Properties, Transportation

## **LILLEY**

ABC, Finance, Local Government I (*Chm*), Transportation, Water & Air Resources (*Vice Chm*), Wildlife

## **LOCKLEAR**

Agriculture, Corporations, Finance, Judiciary III (*Vice Chm*), University Board of Governors (*Vice Chm*), Wildlife

## **LUTZ**

Agriculture (*Vice Chm*), Appropriations, Appropriations on Human Resources & Corrections (*Vice Chm*), Corporations, Corrections, Highway Safety, Human Resources, Mental Health

## **McALISTER**

Agriculture, Election Laws, Finance, Local Government I, Military & Veterans Affairs (*Vice Chm*), Transportation, Water & Air Resources

## **McDOWELL**

Appropriations, Base Budget, Base Budget on Education, Constitutional Amendments, Higher Education, Insurance, Rules, University Board of Governors (*Vice Chm*)

## **McMILLAN**

Banks & Thrift Institutions, Courts & Judicial Districts (*Chm*), Finance, Judiciary I, Law Enforcement (*Vice Chm*), Rules

## **MERRITT**

Commercial Fishing, Education, Finance, Insurance, State Personnel, Transportation

## **MESSER**

Aging (*Chm*), Appropriations, Appropriations on Human Resources & Corrections, Economy, Higher Education, Insurance (*Vice Chm*), Water & Air Resources

## **MILLER**

Aging, (*Vice Chm*), Finance, Highway Safety (*Vice Chm*), Insurance, Judiciary II, Public Utilities

## **MORGAN**

ABC (*Chm*), Banks & Thrift Institutions, Finance, Highway Safety, Judiciary III (*Vice Chm*), Law Enforcement, State Government

## **MORRIS**

Banks & Thrift Institutions, Corporations (*Vice Chm*), Employment Security (*Vice Chm*), Finance, Manufacturers & Labor, Public Utilities, State Properties

## **NASH**

Appropriations, Appropriations on Human Resources & Corrections, Commissions & Institutions for Blind & Deaf (*Vice Chm*), Employment Security, Human Resources, Law Enforcement, Water & Air Resources (*Chm*)

## **NESBITT**

Commissions & Institutions for Blind & Deaf, Education, Finance, Human Resources (*Vice Chm*), Insurance, State Personnel

## **NYE**

Aging, Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations on General Government & Transportation (Vice *Chm*), Economy (*Chm*), Local Government I, State Government

## **PARNELL**

Agriculture (Vice *Chm*), Appropriations, Base Budget, Base Budget on General Government & Transportation, Local Government II, Rules (Vice *Chm*), State Government, Transportation

## **PEGG**

Appropriations, Base Budget, Base Budget on Education, Education, Higher Education, Local Government II, Manufacturers & Labor, Transportation

## **PHILLIPS**

Banks & Thrift Institutions, Finance, Human Resources, Local Government I, Mental Health, Military and Veterans Affairs, Natural & Economic Resources

## **PLYLER**

Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations on General Government & Transportation (Vice *Chm*), Corrections (*Chm*), Health, Law Enforcement, Local Government I, Manufacturers & Labor

## **POOVEY**

Finance, Military & Veterans Affairs, State Government, State Personnel, Transportation, Wildlife

## **ULLEY**

Appropriations, Appropriations on General Government & Transportation, Banks & Thrift Institutions, Higher Education, Insurance, Judiciary I, Water & Air Resources

## **QUINN**

Appropriations, Appropriations on Education, Education, Employment Security, Manufacturers & Labor, Public Utilities (*Chm*), Rules (*Vice Chm*)

## **RABON**

Appropriations, Appropriations on Education, Commercial Fishing, Natural & Economic Resources, Public Utilities, University Board of Governors, Wildlife

## **RAMSEY**

Courts & Judicial Districts, Election Laws, Finance, State Government (*Vice Chm*), Transportation, Rules (*Chm*)

## **REDDING**

Banks & Thrift Institutions, Constitutional Amendments, Economy, Election Law, Finance, Law Enforcement

## **REVELLE**

Agriculture, Finance (*Vice Chm*), Insurance, Public Utilities, Transportation, Wildlife

## **RHODES**

Commercial Fishing, Employment Security, Finance, Higher Education, Insurance, Transportation

## **ROUNTREE**

### **SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

Appropriations, Banks & Thrift Institution, Base Budget, Base Budget on Education, Commercial Fishing, Courts & Judicial Districts, Finance, Higher Education, Judiciary II, Public Utilities, Rules

## **RULLMAN**

Commissions & Institutions for Blind & Deaf, Finance, Human Resources, Local Government I, State Properties, Water & Air Resources



## **SEYMOUR**

Appropriations, Appropriations on General Government & Transportation, Insurance, Judiciary I, Local Government I (*Vice Chm*), Natural & Economic Resources, Public Libraries (*Chm*), State Properties

## **SMITH**

Appropriations, Base Budget (*Vice Chm*), Base Budget on General Government & Transportation (*Chm*), Higher Education, Highway Safety, Military & Veterans Affairs, Public Libraries (*Vice Chm*), Rules

## **SPAULDING**

Constitutional Amendments, Courts & Judicial Districts, Election Laws, Finance, Judiciary II, Local Government II

## **SPOON**

ABC, Appropriations, Appropriations on General Government & Transportation, Corrections, Highway Safety, Law Enforcement, Rules

## **TALLY**

Appropriations, Appropriations on Education, Constitutional Amendments, Courts & Judicial Districts, Higher Education (*Chm*), Human Resources (*Vice Chm*), State Government

## **TAYLOR**

Agriculture (*Vice Chm*), Appropriations, Base Budget on Education, Base Budget, Manufacturers & Labor (*Vice Chm*), Mental Health, Transportation, University Board of Governors

## **TENNILLE**

Banks & Thrift Institutions, Education (*Chm*), Finance (*Vice Chm*), Human Resources, Local Government II, Public Utilities

## **THOMAS**

Aging (*Vice Chm*), Appropriations, Base Budget, Base Budget on Human Resources & Corrections, Higher Education, Human Resources, Insurance, University Board of Governors (*Chm*)

## **TISON, B.**

ABC, Appropriations (*Vice Chm*), Base Budget (*Chm*), Judiciary II, Rules, Transportation (*Vice Chm*), Public Utilities

## **TYSON, H.**

ABC (*Vice Chm*), Agriculture (*Vice Chm*), Finance, Judiciary III, Local Government II, Transportation, Water & Air Resources

## **VARNER**

Appropriations, Appropriations on Human Resources & Corrections, Corrections, Employment Security (*Vice Chm*), Human Resources (*Chm*), Mental Health, State Property

## **WATKINS**

Constitutional Amendments, Corporations, Courts & Judicial Districts (*Vice Chm*), Election Laws, Finance, Judiciary II, Wildlife (*Vice Chm*)

## **WHITE**

Education (*Vice Chm*), Finance, Highway Safety, Local Government II, Manufacturers & Labor, State Personnel (*Vice Chm*)

## **WOODARD, B.**

Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations on Human Resources & Corrections, Health (*Chm*), Highway Safety (*Vice Chm*), Military & Veterans Affairs, State Personnel

**WOODARD, W.**

Corrections (*Vice Chm*), Finance, Judiciary III, Local Government II, Natural & Economic Resources, University Board of Governors

**WRIGHT**

Appropriations, Appropriations on Education, Courts & Judicial Districts, Highway Safety (*Chm*), Judiciary II (*Vice Chm*), Local Government II, Rules

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# **SCHEDULE OF HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

TIME	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:30 to 10:00 a.m.	Finance 1228/1327 Appropriations 1027/1128 *Base Budget 1027 *Education 1407/1425 *Gen. Govern. & Transportation 1027/1128 *Human Res. 1405/1427	Appropriations 1027/1128 *Base Budget 1027 *Education 1407/1425 *Gen. Govern. & Transportation 1027/1128 *Human Res. 1405/1427	Finance 1228/1327 Appropriations 1027/1128 *Base Budget 1027 *Education 1407/1425 Gen. Govern. & Transportation 1027/1128 *Human Res. 1405/1427	8:30 - 9:30  Aging 1327 Law Enforcement 1218 Economy 1425
10:00 a.m.	Judiciary I 1328 Education 1425 Health 1218/19 State Government 1228	Corrections 1218/19 Water & Air Resources 1229 State Personnel 1413/23 (State Government) 1228 Public Utilities 1425	Judiciary I 1328 A.B.C. 1218/19 Blind & Deaf. Inst. 1227 Election Laws 1405/27 (Public Utilities) 1425	9:30 - 11:00  Appropriations Finance (if needed)
11:00 a.m.	Judiciary II 1423 Higher Education 1427 State Property 1227 Agriculture 1	Local Government I 1328 Constit. Amendments 1 Employment Security 1326 Highway Safety 1227	Judiciary II 1423 Banks & Thrift. Inst. 1327 NER 1228 Transportation 1218/19 (Highway Safety) 14	

12:00 N	Judiciary III Cts. & Jud. Districts Mental Health Libraries Insurance	1326 1227 1228 1229 1425	Local Government II Comm. Fishing Corporations Military & Vets. Affairs (Insurance)	1218/19 1229 1326 1227 1425	Judiciary III Human Resources Wildlife Resources Mfg. & Labor	1326 1413/23 1218/19 1227
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\*Appropriations Committees

( ) Indicates second meeting when needed.

File Request for use of Auditorium with Rules Chairman. Coordinate use of any room other than as listed above with Rules Chairman.

ON CALL OF THE CHAIRMAN: Rules, University Board of Governors



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## DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### OFFICERS

Name	Office	Phone
Carl L. Stewart, Jr. <i>Speaker</i>	2317	3451
Grace A. Collins <i>Principal Clerk</i>	2319	7760
Sam J. Burrow, Jr. <i>Reading Clerk</i>	2319	7760
Larry P. Eagles <i>Sergeant-at-Arms</i>	1329	5627

### MEMBERS

Name	Office	Phone	Box No.	Seat No.	District
Adams, Allen .....	2305	5898	7221	81	15th
Auman, T. Clyde .....	1403	5859	7151	78	25th
Barbee, Allen C. ....	2308	5603	7204	20	7th
Barker, Chris S., Jr. ....	2209	5852	7265	1	3rd
Barnes, Richard .....	1018	5901	7197	90	29th
Beard, R. Don .....	2217	5780	7230	29	20th
Bell, E. Graham .....	1202	5854	7183	59	38th
Bissell, Marilyn R. ....	1105	5906	7288	104	36th
Bone, Roger W. ....	1210	5754	7175	102	7th
Brennan, Louise S. ....	2216	5781	7202	106	36th
Bright, Joe L. ....	2314	5957	7167	57	3rd
Brown, John Walter .....	1111	5935	7194	111	34th
Brubaker, Harold J. ....	1024	5931	7250	117	24th
Bumgardner, David, Jr. ...	1216-17	5855	7171	58	38th
Bundy, Sam D. ....	1302	5824	7153	3	8th
Campbell, Hartwell .....	1420	5856	7268	21	7th
Carter, H. Otha .....	1115	5889	7258	110	32nd
Chapin, Howard B. ....	1325	5772	7269	50	2nd
Church, John T. ....	2218	5749	7284	22	13th
Clark, Douglas A. ....	1005	5830	7162	99	10th
Clark, William E. ....	1206	5757	7170	41	20th

Name	Office	Phone	Box No.	Seat No.	District
Clarke, James McClure ..	1012	5886	7260	63	43rd
Coble, J. Howard .....	1106	5988	7253	97	23rd
Collins, P. C., Jr. ....	1003	5828	7200	91	28th
Colton, Marie W. ....	1212	5752	7214	51	43rd
Cook, Ruth E. ....	2302	5609	7278	82	15th
Covington, John W. ....	1020	5887	7234	88	27th
Cullipher, George P. ....	2215	5782	7201	35	6th
Davis, Robert E. ....	1317	5800	7209	33	21st
DeRamus, Judson D., Jr. ..	11	5734	7283	76	29th
Diamont, David H. ....	1004	5829	7246	93	28th
Easterling, Ruth M. ....	2211	5786	7277	105	36th
Economos, Gus ....	2221	5746	7195	94	36th
Edwards, Ralph P. ....	1017	5900	7259	74	23rd
Ellis, T. W., Jr. ....	1321	5776	7199	108	13th
Enloe, Jeff H., Jr. ....	1008	5862	7280	87	45th
Etheridge, Bob R. ....	1204	5770	7144	100	18th
Ethridge, Bruce ....	1324	5773	7208	34	4th
Evans, Charles ....	1314	5803	7179	84	1st
Ezzell, James E., Jr. ....	1304	5822	7285	49	7th
Falls, Robert Z. ....	2207	5789	7244	11	40th
Foster, Jo Graham ....	2212	5785	7192	4	36th
Frye, Henry E. ....	1430	5986	7205	73	23rd
Fulcher, G. Malcolm, Jr. ..	1014	5867	7255	55	4th
Fussell, Aaron E. ....	1019	5902	7287	79	15th
Gamble, John R., Jr. ....	1424	7664	7262	60	38th
Gentry, J. Worth ....	1002	5827	7224	92	28th
Grady, Richard R. ....	1315	5802	7232	96	9th
Greenwood, Gordon H. .	2210	5787	7181	64	43rd
Guy, A. D. ....	1313	5804	7203	75	4th
Harris, Fletcher ....	2206	5955	7145	107	18th
Haworth, Byron ....	1230	5777	7131	62	23rd
Helms, H. Parks ....	1421	5956	7237	6	36th
Hightower, Foyle, Jr. ....	2303	5608	7217	46	26th
Hobgood, Robert H. ....	1013	5866	7223	86	14th
Holmes, Edward S. ....	1408	7727	7236	69	17th
Holmes, George M. ....	1114	5938	7264	119	34th
Holroyd, W. Casper, Jr. ..	1305	5821	7229	80	15th
Holt, Bertha ....	1309	5807	7225	66	22nd
Holt, Charles ....	2309	5602	7245	27	20th
Hunt, John J. ....	2307	5604	7231	23	40th
Hunt, Patricia S. ....	1201	5853	7238	70	17th
Huskins, J. P. ....	1429	5858	7196	14	35th
Hux, George A. ....	1306	5820	7210	36	6th
James, Vernon G. ....	15	5878	7248	24	1st
Jernigan, Roberts H., Jr. ..	1415	5872	7228	16	5th
Johnson, Joe E. ....	2214	5783	7168	10	15th
Jordan, John M. ....	1312	5974	7152	53	22nd
Kaplan, Ted ....	2220	5747	7249	89	29th
Keesee, Margaret ....	1104	5907	7222	109	23rd

Name	Office	Phone	Box No.	Seat No.	District
Kemp, Ramey F., Sr. ....	1310	5806	7211	67	30th
Lacey, S. B., Jr. ....	1112	5936	7226	112	39th
Lambeth, Jim E. ....	1009	5863	7243	68	30th
Lancaster, Martin ....	1308	5808	7185	95	9th
Ledford, Ralph ....	1113	5937	7186	113	42nd
Lilley, Daniel T. ....	2312	5958	7219	2	3rd
Locklear, Horace ....	1213	5751	7281	39	21st
Lutz, Edith L. ....	2213	5784	7227	12	40th
McAlister, Robert L. ....	1311	5805	7160	65	22nd
McDowell, Timothy H. ...	1016	5869	7220	54	22nd
McMillan, William H. ....	2306	5605	7233	28	35th
Merritt, Eugene ....	1010	5864	7261	71	12th
Messer, Ernest B. ....	2313	5995	7251	18	44th
Miller, George W., Jr. ....	1323	7208	7198	44	16th
Morgan, James F. ....	1203	5771	7216	85	23rd
Morris, Glenn A. ....	1205	5758	7254	42	41st
Nash, Robie L. ....	1316	5801	7256	31	31st
Nesbitt, Marry C. ....	1007	5861	7207	52	43rd
Nye, Edd ....	2304	5607	7149	37	19th
Parnell, David R. ....	1303	5823	7184	40	21st
Pegg, Mary N. ....	1109	5933	7213	118	29th
Phillips, Van ....	1215	5750	7279	101	39th
Plyler, Aaron W. ....	1209	5755	7191	19	33rd
Poovey, J. Reid ....	1022	5904	7274	115	37th
Pulley, W. Paul, Jr. ....	1015	5868	7275	83	16th
Quinn, Dwight W. ....	1220-21	2962	7276	7	33rd
Rabon, Tom B., Jr. ....	1301	5825	7289	98	11th
Ramsey, Liston B. ....	2202	5606	7267	47	44th
Redding, Frank, III ....	1110	5934	7252	114	24th
Revelle, J. Guy, Sr. ....	1307	5809	7282	15	5th
Rhodes, S. Thomas ....	1023	5905	7218	72	12th
Rountree, H. Horton ....	2204	5596	7273	13	8th
Rullman, Carl W., Sr. ....	1021	5903	7177	116	37th
Seymour, Mary P. ....	1107	5849	7193	61	23rd
Smith, A. Neal ....	2311	5959	7215	25	31st
Spaulding, Kenneth ....	1214	5973	7212	45	16th
Spoon, Roy ....	1025-1103	5908	7286	103	36th
Tally, Lura ....	2301	5650	7270	30	20th
Taylor, Ron ....	1322	5775	7266	38	19th
Tennille, Margaret ....	2310	5601	7247	77	29th
Thomas, Betty D. ....	2208	5788	7257	8	33rd
Tison, Ben ....	1409	5871	7290	5	36th
Tyson, Henry M. ....	1211	5753	7235	17	20th
Varner, Dr. John ....	1318	5779	7163	56	30th
Watkins, William T. ....	2219	5748	7169	48	13th
White, Eugene M. ....	1011	5865	7263	32	34th
Woodard, Barney Paul ...	1207	5987	7272	43	14th
Woodard, Wilma ....	1006	5860	7164	9	15th
Wright, Richard ....	1319	5778	7271	26	19th

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Adams, Allen Box 389, Raleigh 27602	Bus. 919/828-0564 Home 821-7763
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Brennan, Louise S. 2101 Dilworth Road E., Charlotte 28203	Home 704/375-7954
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Brown, John Walter Rt. 2, Box 87A, Elkin 28621	704/835-2373
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